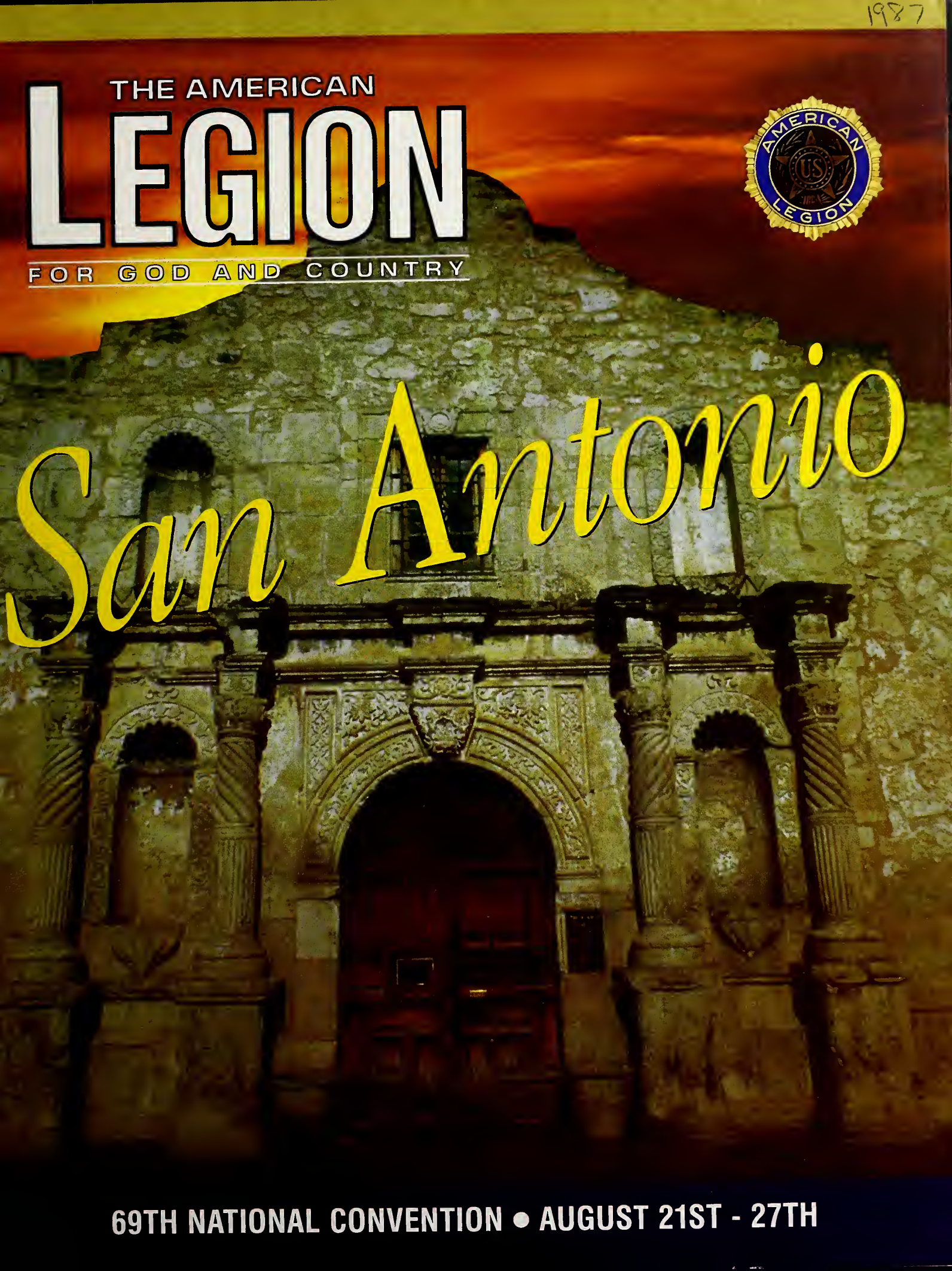
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ABOUT THE COVER: The Alamo, located in downtown San Antonio, is the most famous of the five missions located in the area. Many visitors come to see where the famous Texas battle was fought and they come away with the knowledge that before the battle, the Alamo was the old chapel of Mission San Antonio de Valero. The mission was founded by Franciscan padres in 1718. **Cover photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.**

1987: A Year of Growth



James P. Dean

Welcome to San Antonio and The American Legion's 69th annual National Convention. What better place to hold our annual meeting than a thriving community growing much like our own organization — the fastest growing group of veterans in the nation.

A year ago, I urged all of you to *"Catch the Spirit and Get Involved"* in recruiting fellow veterans to The American Legion. You did just that. Your hard work and determination let The American Legion surpass a 30-year membership high and we're still growing. What was a dream a few years ago is quickly becoming a reality today — three million members. It is no secret that an active membership is the lifeblood of every organization.

Our growth could not have come at a more critical juncture. The entire nation seems to be looking hard and long at the benefits you earned by your sacrifices. But, our growth sends them a message: "We see what you're doing and we aren't going to put up with it!"

Our experiences point out that the needs of veterans are mushrooming — not dwindling. That the Veteran's Administration should be asking for budget increases — not cuts — to meet the needs of our fellow veterans in the all too near future.

Two years ago we told the VA and Congress that veterans shouldn't be required to pay for their medical care through third-party reimbursement. We told them it wouldn't live up to their expectations. They wouldn't listen. They went ahead with the laws and now they're finding out we were right. The VA is finding out that this program, as well as the mean's test, is more trouble than it's worth.

As we continue to grow, we will do more for our fellow veterans, our communities and our children and youth. We can spread the word of patriotism and Americanism. We can donate more, sponsor more, volunteer more and give more of ourselves to the various programs of The American Legion.

Our membership growth through the last 12 months has proven that truth. Two hundred more teams competed this summer in American Legion Baseball. Countless other teams were sponsored in various sports, including Special Olympis. More Boy Scout troops have our backing. More youngsters competed in The American Legion's 50th High School Oratorical Contest than ever before. They spoke words of belief and understanding of our U.S. Constitution, which celebrated its 200th anniversary.

A growing organization means we have more people to educate our children on child abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol abuse and teen-age suicide. We also continue a vigil for our missing children. Your donations to the Child Welfare Foundation translate into further education of our youth. Your dollars make it possible for more children to attain higher educations through college scholarships.

Growth means we can do more for less fortunate veterans. We can help feed and house the homeless, assist those seeking employment, and comfort those aging veterans in VA hospitals. We must continue the fight for the rights of the men and women who fought for this country and honor those who died to keep us free.

As we grow our voice becomes louder. We have the opportunity to lead public opinion and influence public policy. Such is the case with national security and foreign policy. Our concern during the year has been the crisis in Central America. I traveled to the region twice during my year in office and it was based on my observations from the first visit that the crisis over Nicaragua poses serious national security and foreign policy implications for the United States.

To further evaluate the situation there, The American Legion Policy Coordination and Action Group was formed. That group has fully investigated the problems of Central America and you will receive a full report of their findings during the convention.

To Legionnaires around the world, I owe a special thanks of gratitude for allowing me the privilege of serving as your National Commander during this important period in our 68-year history. I will forever be in your debt.

As we go into convention session, let us continue to grow to keep The American Legion the largest and fastest growing veteran's organization in the world — an organization for God and Country.

Where to Register and Obtain Information

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in San Antonio for the convenience of conventioneers.

Booths will be located in the —

Convention Center
Hyatt Regency Hotel
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Booths will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 21 and daily thereafter until taken out of service at the direction of the Convention Corporation.

A Registration Booth will operate in the Lobby of the Municipal Auditorium on the days of the General Convention Sessions, August 25, 26 and 27, for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend Convention sessions. (Official Convention badge is required for entry to sessions.)

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It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to fellow members of the American Legion gathered in San Antonio for this 69th National Convention.

There's a special spirit all Legionnaires share. It's a mixture of pride in their service in America's defense, love of liberty and country, and a willingness to give unselfishly of their time and effort to make life better for their fellowman. To members of the Legion, service to our Nation is an ongoing commitment, and the preservation of our Republic and all it represents is a never-ending responsibility.

The Bicentennial of the Constitution is an especially fitting time to thank every member of the American Legion for all you've done for the Nation where first was born government of, by, and for the people. Today the values of representative government, free enterprise, and individual freedom appeal more than ever to the oppressed and impoverished people of the world. I commend your support for freedom everywhere and for the ideals that have made America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

You have my best wishes for an exciting and successful convention, and for the future. God bless you, and God bless America.

Ronald Reagan

A Commitment to Youth and The Future of America.

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Greetings to:

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Sixty-ninth Annual National Convention

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to Texas and to San Antonio. I deeply regret that my schedule prevents me from saluting you personally.

There is no organization in the United States today for which I have more respect than I do for The American Legion. You personify what is still the best in our nation--honor, patriotism and love of country.

Personally, it is very moving to know that you are convening a few short steps from the cradle of Texas liberty--The Alamo. Dwarfed now by the towers of downtown San Antonio, this structure is still the largest in the hearts of Texans and freedom-loving people throughout the nation.

I know that you will have a busy schedule, but I do hope that you will have time to visit the many historical sites in San Antonio. It is truly one of America's most unique cities.

Mrs. Clements joins me in this welcome. You have our very best wishes for the most successful American Legion Convention ever.

Sincerely,

W. P. Clements, Jr.

William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor

The young visionaries:

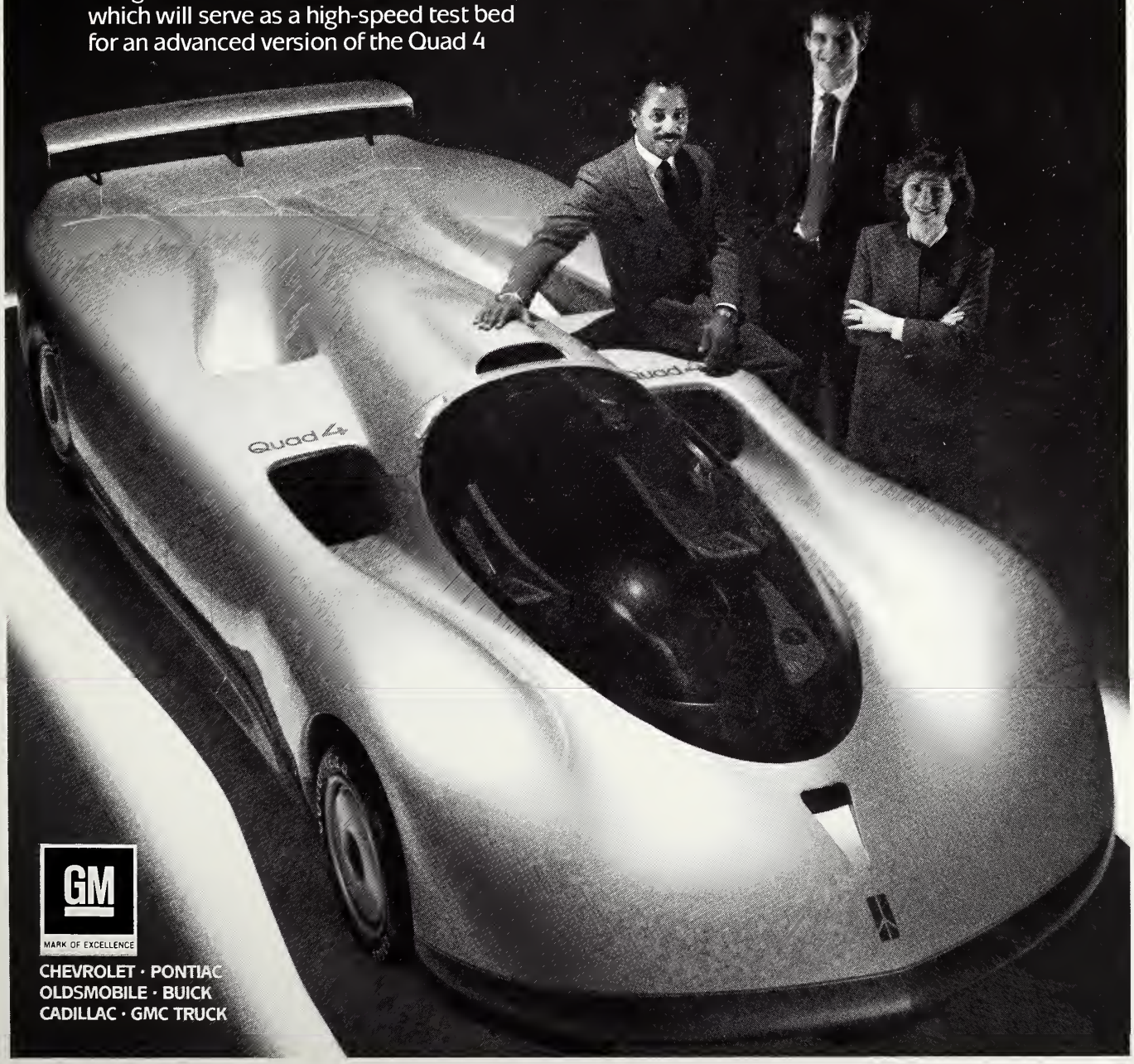
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On behalf of the more than 91,000 Texas Legionnaires, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Texas and the 69th National Convention here in San Antonio.

San Antonio has some of the finest hotels in our nation. You find hospitality and a warm feeling of friendliness throughout the city. Texas and San Antonio are known for their ability to have outstanding conventions.

The American Legion Convention Corporation of Texas has worked hard for months in planning for you a most memorable convention.

For many Legionnaires, coming to San Antonio is like a homecoming because they were stationed in San Antonio at some time during their tour of duty in the military.

San Antonio is known for many historical sites which depict the history of Texas and reflect many diversified cultures which make this city especially colorful.

Again, welcome and if the Texas Legionnaires can be of any assistance to you during your stay here to make it more enjoyable, feel free to contact us. We the Legionnaires of Texas want you to remember this convention as the best you ever attended.

Very truly yours,

John W. J. Richter

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GREETINGS: Members, American Legion
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On behalf of the citizens of San Antonio, I extend to you a very hearty welcome to our city. We are deeply honored that ours is the host city for the American Legion's 69th National Convention. As many of you probably know, San Antonio is affectionately known as "Military City USA" because of the five military installations located here. I personally believe that we, therefore, have a special understanding and deeper appreciation for you - the brave Americans who have sacrificed so much in defense of our nation through military service. It is a pleasure to report that in this city, the military works hand-in-hand with City/County governments in a spirit of harmony and cooperation. This accounts for the excellent rapport enjoyed with that very important segment of the community.

Best wishes for a successful convention and very enjoyable stay in San Antonio! I am looking forward to delivering my personal greeting to you during the Convention.

Sincerely,

HENRY G. CISNEROS
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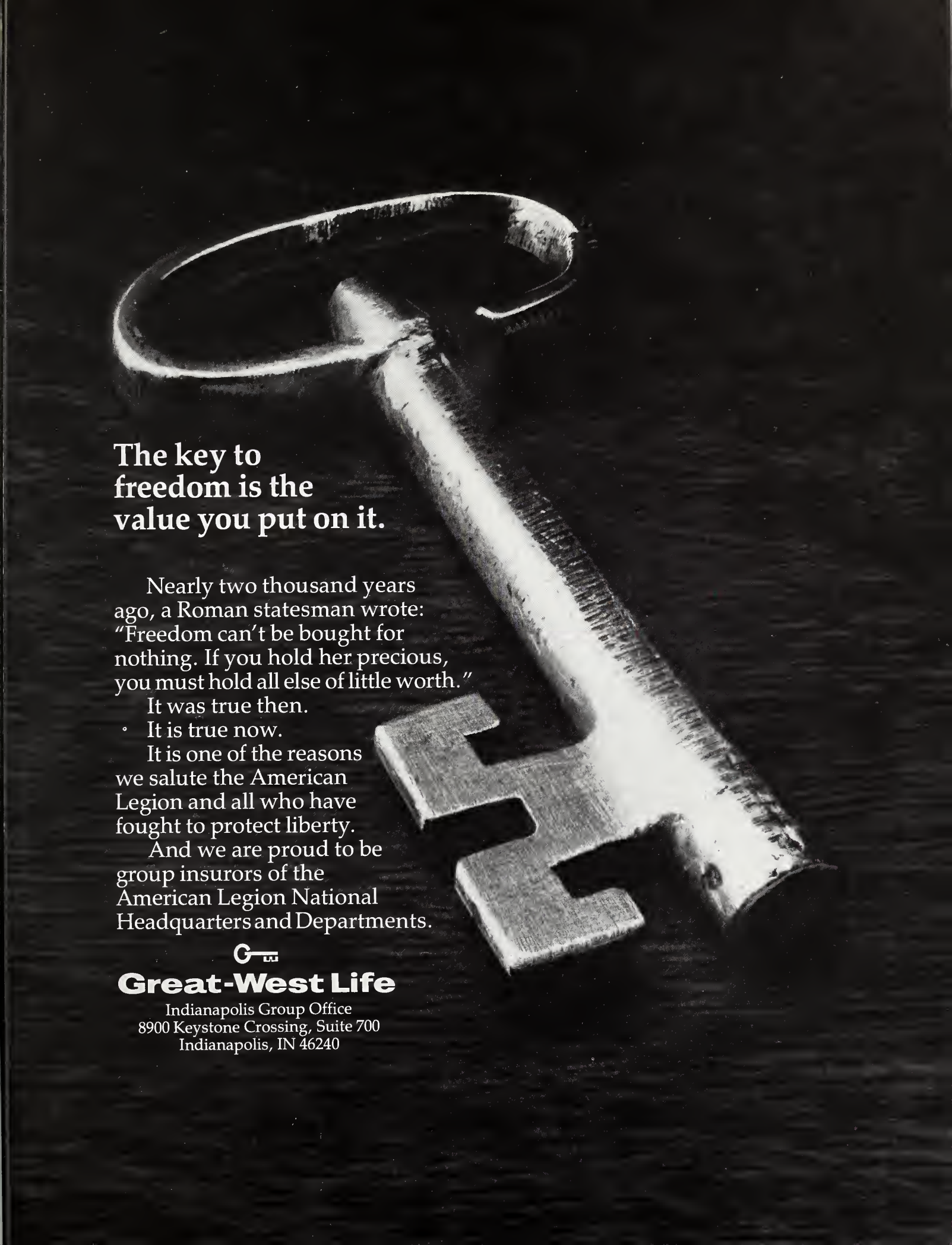
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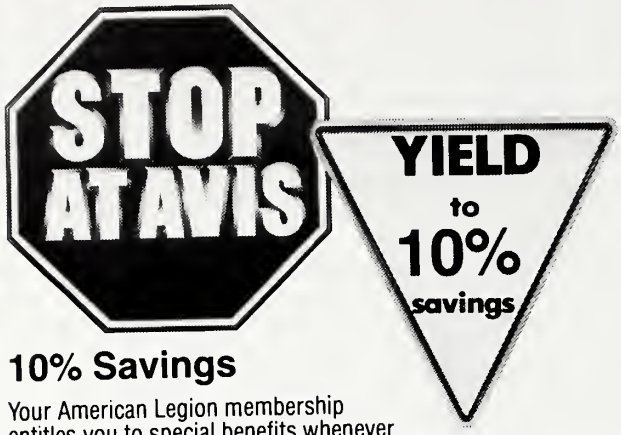
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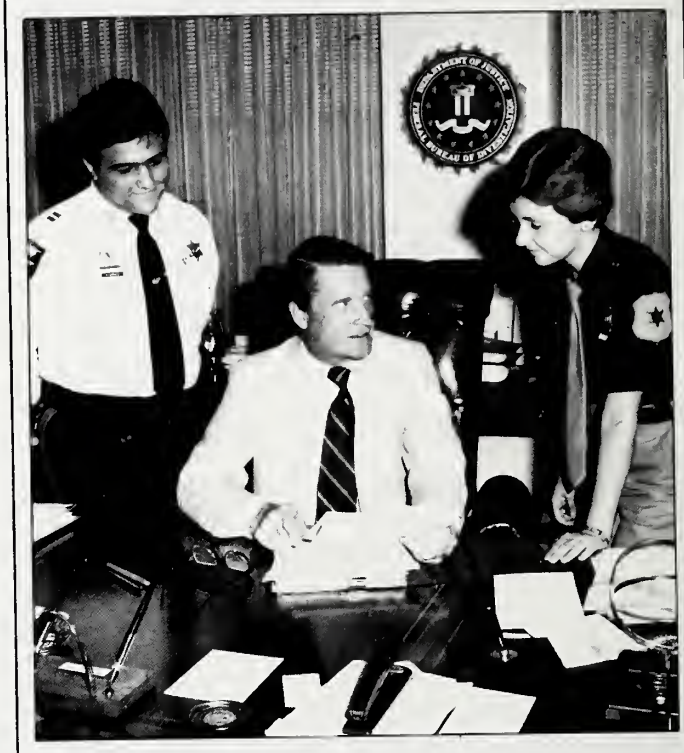


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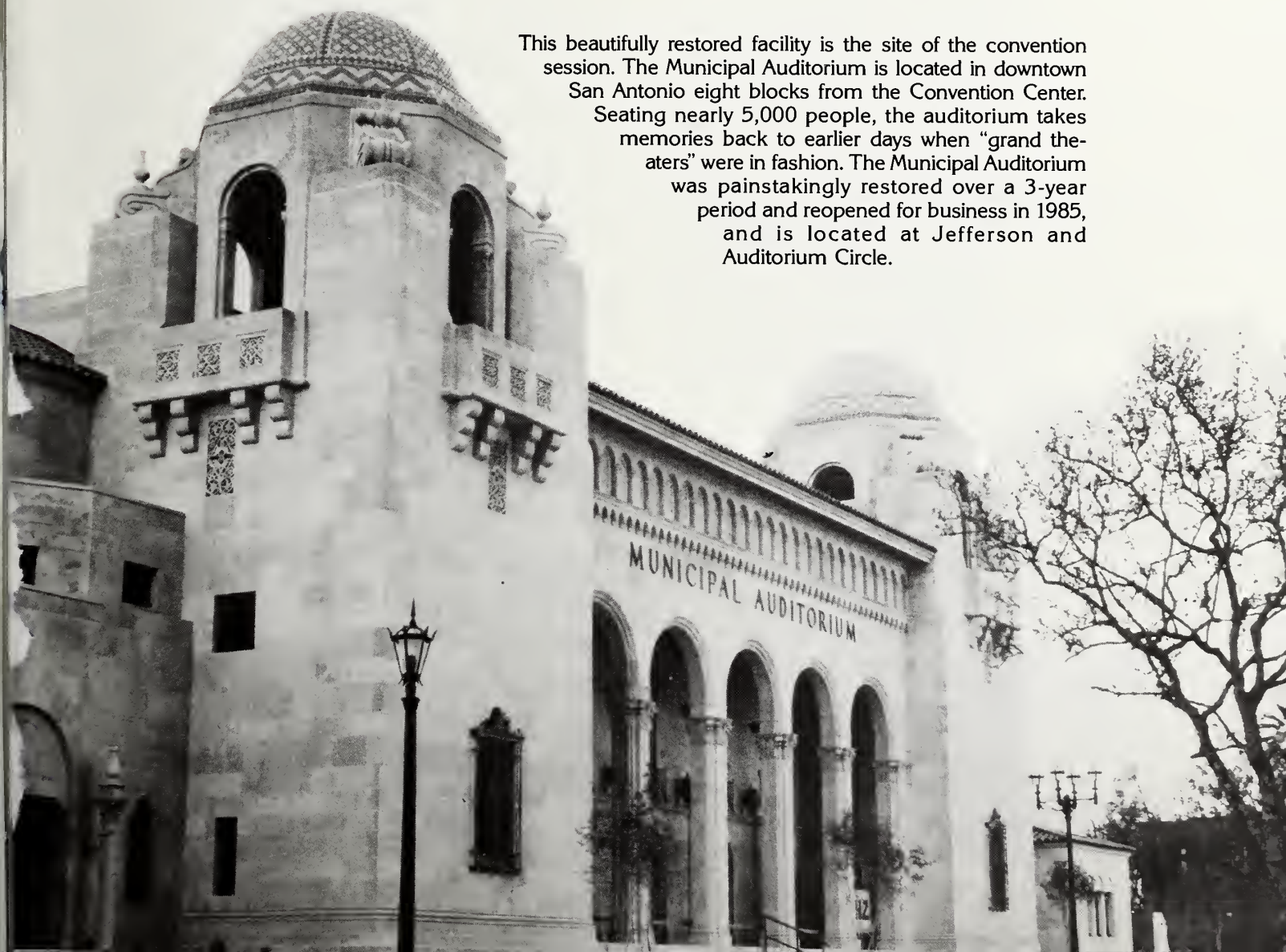
(If the director of the CIA can find time, how about YOU?)

Exploring

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Official Program

Sixty-ninth Annual National Convention of The American Legion



This beautifully restored facility is the site of the convention session. The Municipal Auditorium is located in downtown San Antonio eight blocks from the Convention Center. Seating nearly 5,000 people, the auditorium takes memories back to earlier days when "grand theaters" were in fashion. The Municipal Auditorium was painstakingly restored over a 3-year period and reopened for business in 1985, and is located at Jefferson and Auditorium Circle.

Agenda

69th Annual National Convention — The American Legion
Municipal Auditorium — San Antonio, Texas
August 25-27, 1987

Tuesday, August 25, 1987

8:30 a.m. PRELUDE
Peter Ole, Organist

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
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James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE
Very Rev. Arthur J. Jakobiak (New Mexico)
National Chaplain

POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY
By: Melvin (Doc) Simon (Vermont)
Chairman, Foreign Relations Commission

Keith Baker (Iowa)
Chairman, Special POW/MIA Committee

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant

9:45 a.m. WELCOME
The Honorable Henry G. Cisneros
Mayor of San Antonio

John W. J. Richter, 1986-87
Department Commander
The American Legion of Texas

Harvey Holcomb, *President*
Texas National Convention
Corporation of The American Legion

RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

SPECIAL MESSAGE
By: The President of the United States

10:00 a.m. SPECIAL ADDRESS
The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States

10:30 a.m. NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

10:45 a.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Section 1

10:50 a.m. REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND RULES

10:55 a.m. INTRODUCTION
Mrs. James E. Starr (Minnesota)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

11:00 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Robert J. Dole (Kansas)
Minority Leader of the United States Senate

11:20 a.m. REPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

11:35 a.m. PRESENTATION — The National Commander's and National President's Unity Award Winners
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander
By: Mrs. James E. Starr (Minnesota)
National President
To: Winning Posts and Units

11:45 a.m. REPORT OF AMERICANISM
Announcement of Winning Department
The Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy
Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

12:10 p.m. PRESENTATION — William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy
By: William C. Thomas, *Publisher*
San Antonio Light
To: Winning Department

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the chair.

12:20 p.m. PRESENTATION — Representatives of the American Legion Youth Programs

1987 Scout of the Year
Clifford W. Bishop, Ozark, Arkansas

1987 First Place Winner National Oratorical Contest
Maryagnes Barbieri, Milton, Massachusetts

1987 Boys Nation President
Robert A. Sternfels, Lodi, California

1986 Baseball Player of the Year
Joe Grahe, Lake Park, Florida

1987 Girls Nation President
Michelle L. Thaller, Waukesha, Wisconsin

12:40 p.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Thomas K. Turnage
Administrator
Veterans Administration

12:55 p.m. PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Cincinnati, Ohio
Host City for the 1986 National Convention
By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
Past National Commander
Accepting: Edward Yorukoff, *President,* The American Legion Convention Corporation of Ohio

1:00 p.m. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

To: Very Rev. Arthur J. Jakobiak (New Mexico)
National Chaplain

1:05 p.m. MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION
Fred E. Ellis, National *President*
The Society of American Legion Founders

GREETINGS
Karl Karasin, Dominion *President*
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

A. (Tony) Stacey, Dominion *President*
The Royal Canadian Legion

General Chang Kuo-ying, *Chairman*
Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen
Republic of China

General Seok-chu Paik, ROKA, Retired, *President*
The Korean Veterans Association

1:35 p.m. GREETINGS
Diane Carlson Evans, R.N.
Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc.

1:40 p.m. PRESENTATION — Framed Collection of United States Miniature Medals to The American Legion
By: Warwick G. Cary (J. P.),
Managing Director
Cary Corporation Pty. Ltd.
To: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

1:45 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Section 2

2:10 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Membership

PRESENTATION of Special Membership Awards for 1987
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

Assisted by: *National Vice Commanders*
William M. Detweiler (Louisiana)
Doris R. Gross (Washington)
Donald E. Neil (Delaware)
Allen L. Titus (Indiana)
Ervin F. Van Dyke (Wisconsin)

SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

Wednesday, August 26, 1987

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Very Rev. Arthur J. Jakobiak (New Mexico)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. GREETINGS
Cyril F. Brickfield, *Executive Director*
American Association of Retired Persons

9:20 a.m. SPECIAL REPORT ON CENTRAL AMERICA
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

9:40 a.m. PRESENTATION — Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

To: W. A. Barbour, Jr., *President*
Center Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc.
Sanford, North Carolina

To: Joseph Coors, *Vice Chairman*
Adolph Coors Company
Golden, Colorado

9:55 a.m. COMMEMORATIVE PAINTING OF THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
By: Joseph Coors, *Vice Chairman*
Adolph Coors Company, Golden, Colorado

To: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

10:05 a.m. GREETINGS
J. Warren Cassidy, *Executive Vice President*
National Rifle Association of America

10:15 a.m. GREETINGS
Charles T. Hagel, *President*
USO World Headquarters

10:30 a.m. REPORT OF ECONOMICS
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

10:55 a.m. REPORT OF FINANCE

11:05 A.M. REPORT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING DEPARTMENT — NATIONAL SERVICE TROPHY
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

12:05 p.m. REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

12:30 p.m. INTRODUCTION — Sons of the American Legion
Newly Elected National Commander

12:35 p.m. REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

Thursday, August 27, 1987

9:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Very Rev. Arthur J. Jakobiak(New Mexico)
National Chaplain

9:35 a.m. ADDRESS
General Larry D. Welch
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force

9:55 a.m. REPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY
Aerospace
Defense Civil Preparedness
Law and Order
Merchant Marine
Military Affairs
Naval Affairs

10:35 a.m. PRESENTATION — The American Legion Fourth Estate Award
By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
National Commander

To: ABC Radio News

Accepting: Gil Fox, *Correspondent*
ABC Radio News

10:45 a.m. ADDRESS
General Carl E. Vuono
Chief of Staff
United States Army

11:05 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (Mississippi)
Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs

11:25 a.m. PRESENTATION of Plaque and Colors to Outgoing National Commander
By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas)
Past National Commander

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)
Past National Commander

12:00 noon SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
National Commander

Administering the Oath of Office to the National Commander

Acceptance Speech by Newly Elected National Commander

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A limited series of numbered prints of the painting have been prepared and will be presented to the National Organization as collectors' items.

The painting, reproduced on this page in black and white, is 14 inches by 16 inches, in full color. It portrays scenes of the four major conflicts of this century, service in which determines eligibility for membership in The American Legion. Other scenes include the range of services and programs undertaken by The American Legion on behalf of communities, the nation and individual veterans; the emblems of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion; and vignettes of Legionnaires in action as concerned citizens.

National Commander James P. Dean will accept the original painting from representatives of the Adolph Coors Co. on the platform of the National Convention.

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Standing Commissions and Committees

Americanism Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Fiesta Room A
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Robert S. Turner

Americanism Screening Committee:
August 21, 9:00 A.M.
Bonham Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor

Bi-Centennial Committee::
August 21, 1:30 P.M.
Bowie Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor
Chairman: Robert S. Turner

Commission on Children & Youth:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Fiesta Room B
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Eugene V. Lindquist

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Bowie Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor
Chairman: Francis L. Giordano

Convention Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Patio Room B
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Wendell G. Williams

Distinguished Guest Committee:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
River Room B
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Maurice E. Druhl

Economic Commission::
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Plaza C & D
Convention Center — So. Meeting Rooms Level
Chairman: Bruce Thiesen

Economic Screening Committee:
August 21, 9:00 A.M.
Valero Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor

Emblem Committee:
August 22, 8:30 A.M.
Travis Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor
Chairman: Frank Johnston

Finance Commission:
August 22, 8:30 A.M.
Neuces Room
Hyatt Regency — 3rd floor
Chairman: George W. Boucek

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Blanco Room
Hyatt Regency — 3rd floor
Chairman: Jerome P. Dobel, Jr.

Foreign Relations Commission::
Joint meeting with National Security Commission
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Centro Rooms A & B
Convention Center — So. Meeting Rooms Level
Chairman: Melvin "Doc" Simon

Internal Affairs Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Fiesta Room D
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Herman G. Harrington

Membership & Post Activities Committee:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Fiesta Room E
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Miles S. Epling

Legislative Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Centro Room D
Convention Center — So. Meeting Rooms Level
Chairman: Gary W. Sammons

National Security Commission:
Joint meeting with Foreign Relations Commission
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Centro Rooms A & B
Convention Center — So. Meeting Rooms Level
Chairman: Roger A. Munson

Public Relations Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Fiesta Room C
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Douglas W. Henley

Resolutions Assignment Committee:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Milam Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor
Chairman: Alex M. Geiger

The American Legion Magazine Commission:
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Patio Room A
Convention Center — River Level
Chairman: Milford A. Forrester

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission::
August 22, 9:00 A.M.
Plaza Rooms A & B
Convention Center — So. Meeting Rooms Level
Chairman: William F. Lenker

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:
August 21, 9:00 A.M.
Crockett Room
Marriott Riverwalk — 4th floor

National Executive Committee

August 24, 10:00 a.m.
Mission Room
Convention Center
Street Level
Chairman: National Commander James P. Dean
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S.A.L. Meetings

16th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(Executive Committee)
August 21, 6:00 P.M.
Rio Grande Ballroom
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16th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

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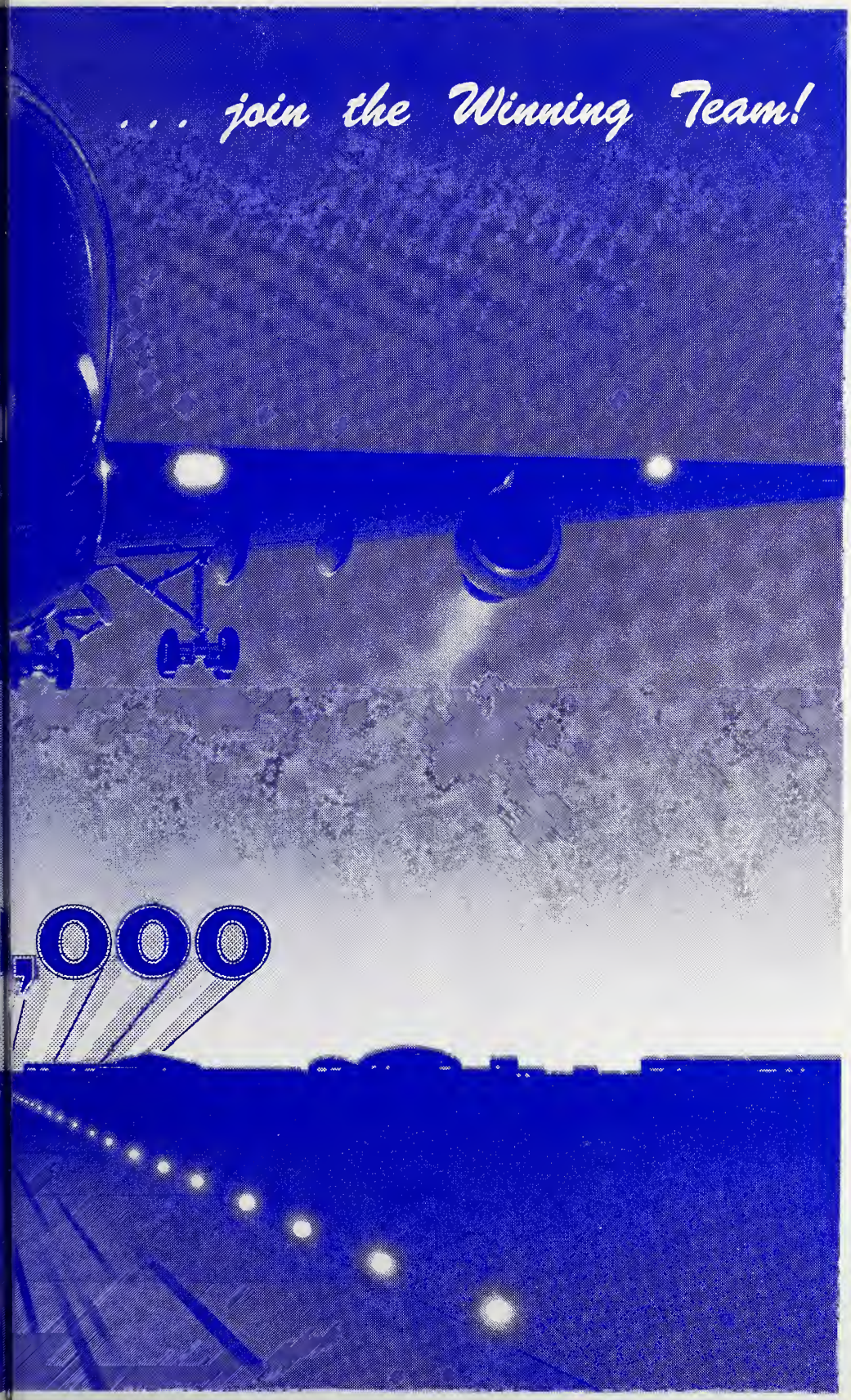
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Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism ..... Convention Center
August 22, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta A

Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Room 103

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta A

Youth Activities Subcommittee
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta C

Children & Youth ..... Convention Center
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta B

Constitutional Amendments ... Convention Center
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Patio Room A

Credentials and Internal Affairs . Convention Center
Sections I & II

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta D

Membership
Section III ..... Convention Center
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Fiesta E

Economic ..... Convention Center
Employment and Veterans Preference and Other Economic Matters
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Plaza C & D

Emblem Committee ..... Marriott Riverwalk
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Travis Room

Finance ..... Hyatt Regency
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Regency East I

Foreign Relations ..... Convention Center
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Centro A

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 9:15 a.m.)

Inter-American Affairs
Room 201

European Affairs
Room 202

Foreign Relations — Continued

African Affairs
Room 203

Far Eastern Affairs
Room 205

Middle Eastern Affairs
Room 204

General Foreign Policy Meeting
Room 206

Legislation & Rules ..... Convention Center
August 23, 10:00 a.m.
Centro B

National Security Committee ... Convention Center
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Centro C & D

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Immediately following Joint Meeting)

Military Affairs Meeting
Centro D

General Security Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Centro D

Aerospace Committee
Room 207

Defense Civil Preparedness Committee
Room 208

Law and Order Committee
Room 209

Merchant Marine Committee
Room 210

Naval Affairs Committee
Centro C

General Security Meeting
(All subcommittees) 2:00 p.m.
Centro C & D

Resolution Assignment Committee ..... Marriott Riverwalk
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Milam Room

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation ..... Convention Center

Claims and Rating & Hospitals and Medical Services (Joint Meeting)
August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Plaza A & B

Hospitals and Medical Services
August 23, 10:00 a.m.
Plaza B



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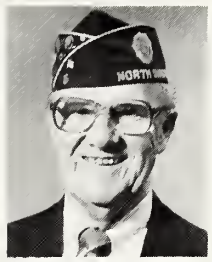
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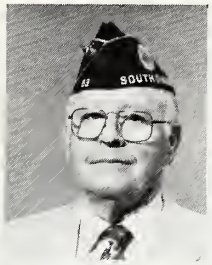
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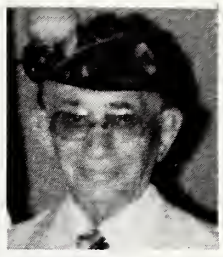


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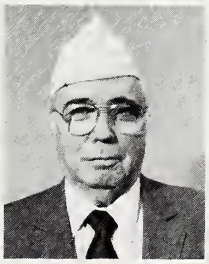
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Aug. 21 - Salons A & B
Banquet — Salon C
August 21, 7:30 p.m.

Historians' and Founders'
Breakfast & Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Breakfast — Regency East #1
August 24, 7:30 a.m.

Founders' Meeting — Pecos Room
August 24, 1:30 p.m.

ANAVICUS
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Breakfast Mtg. — Regency West 1/3
August 23, 7:00 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Frio Room
August 23, 8:00 a.m.

National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)
Marriott Riverwalk
Breakfast — Bonham Room
August 22, 8:30 a.m.
Meeting — Salon C
August 23, 1:30 p.m.

Banquet — Salon C
August 24, 7:00 p.m.

FODPAL — Breakfast Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Regency East #2 & #3
August 23, 7:00 a.m.

Past Department Commanders Club
Marriott Riverwalk
Luncheon — Alamo Ballroom
August 24, 12:00 Noon

American Legion Auxiliary
States Dinner — North Banquet Hall
Convention Center
August 26, 7:30 p.m.

National Commander's Banquet For Distinguished Guests
Convention Center
North Banquet Hall
August 25, 7:30 p.m.

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August 29, 7:00 p.m.

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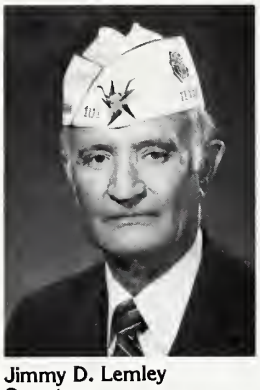
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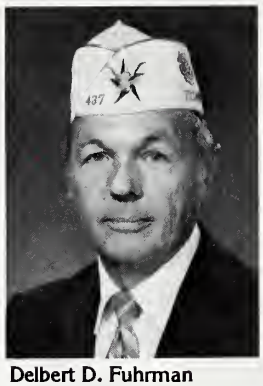
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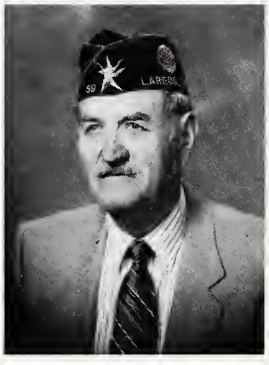
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Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on paliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:

2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.

3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.

4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.

5. But two delegates from any one delegtion shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.

6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.

7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"

8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.

9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.

11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.

12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.

13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner a they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.

14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.

15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National officers shall be by roll call.

16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.

17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.

18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.

19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

    If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.

23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.

24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.

26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.

28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

    Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

    Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1947

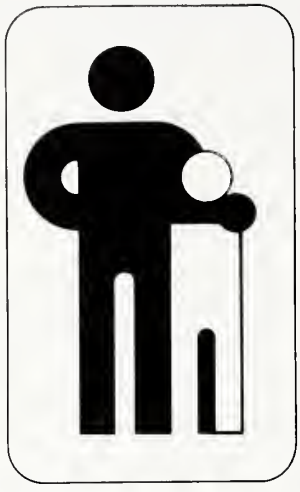
The year 1987 marks two milestones in air power. On Aug. 1, 1907, the War Department established an Aeronautical Division within the Army Signal Corps to take charge of "all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines and all kindred subjects." Over the next 40 years, the initial cadre of four people and one aircraft evolved into the United States Air Force. On Sept. 18, 1947, Congress formally recognized this growth by creating a separate Air Force.

In our 40th Anniversary year, we honor aviators like Doolittle, Arnold and LeMay who instilled the spirit and vision that allowed a once fledgling air arm to grow in strength and responsibility. Then, as now, these leaders had a lot of help.

We salute the American Legion which, through the dedicated service of its members and its staunch support for a strong defense, has helped the United States build the world's most capable Air Force.

Larry D. Welch
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

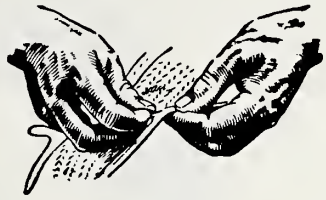
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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1987
REGION 1

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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1987
REGION 8

Boise, Idaho — (Host Department), Montana, Washington, Alaska, Wyoming and Oregon. **Owyhee Plaza;** Single $38, Double $48. Cut-off date for reservations is August 28. Telephone toll free (800) 821-7500 or in Idaho call (800) 233-4611.

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 1987
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Orlando, Florida — (Host Department), Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama and Kentucky. **Sheraton World;** Single $57, Double $57. Cut-off date for reservations is August 18. Telephone (305) 352-1100.

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 1987
REGION 6

Fargo, North Dakota — (Host Department), Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa. **Radisson Hotel Fargo** (Primary Hotel); single $54, Double $64. Cut-off date for reservations is August 28. Telephone (701) 232-7363. **Town House Motor Inn** (Overflow Hotel); Single $49, Double $54. Cut-off date for reservations is August 27. Telephone toll free (800) 437-4682 or in North Dakota call (800) 342-4814.

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1987
REGION 2

Richmond, Virginia — (Host Department), District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware. **Omni;** Single $49, Double $49. Cut-off date for reservations is September 4. Telephone (804) 344-7000.

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1987
REGION 4

Jackson, Mississippi (Host Department), Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. **Holiday Inn;** Single $50, Double $55. Cut-off date for reservations is September 10. Telephone (601) 969-5100.

OCTOBER 2-4, 1987
REGION 5

Indianapolis, Indiana (Host Department), Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin. **Marriott;** Single $46, Double $52. Cut-off date for reservations is September 10. Telephone (317) 352-1231.

OCTOBER 2-4, 1987
REGION 7

Las Vegas, Nevada (Host Department), California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Hawaii, and Utah. **Dunes Hotel & Country Club;** Single $45, Double $45. Cut-off date for reservations is September 2. Telephone toll free (800) 634-6971 or in Nevada call (702) 737-4651.

Patriotic Religious Service

North Banquet Hall
San Antonio Convention Center

Sunday, August 23, 1987 — 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Advancement of Colors (Audience Standing)

Invocation (Audience Standing)

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience Standing)

Call to Worship

Musical Selection

Reading of the Holy Scriptures
I Kings 2:1-4

I Corinthians 15:50-55

Hymn (Audience Standing)
"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Memorial Prayer
Mrs. Horace P. Collins (SC),
National Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

Musical Selection

Memorial Message
Very Reverend Arthur J. Jakobiak (NM),
National Chaplain
The American Legion

Hymn (Audience Standing)
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Placing of Memorial Wreaths
(Audience Standing)

James P. Dean (MS), *National Commander*
Robert W. Spanogle (MI), *National Adjutant*
The American Legion

Mrs. James E. Starr (MN), *National President*
Mrs. Miriam Junge (OH), *National Secretary*
American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Jean P. Hayes (AR), *Le Chapeau National*
Mrs. May Malone (FL), *La Secretaire Caissiere*
Eight and Forty

Douglas Bible (MN), *National Commander*
D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX), *National Adjutant*
Sons of the American Legion

Moment of Meditation (Audience Standing)

Taps (Audience Standing)

Benediction (Audience Standing)

Retirement of Colors (Audience Standing)

The American Legion 1919-1986

Past National Commanders

*Franklin D'Olier
Pennsylvania 1919-20

**Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

*Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

*John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

*Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolinia 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.
California 1934-35

*Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

*Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

*Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

*Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

*Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

*Milo J. Warner
Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

*Roane Waring
Tennessee 1942-43

*Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

*Edward N. Scheiberling
New York 1944-45

*John Stelle
Illinois 1945-46

*Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

*James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

*Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

*Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough
California 1952-53

*Arthur J. Connell
Connecticut 1953-54

*Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

*James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis
North Dakota 1966-67

William E. Galbraith
Nebraska 1967-68

*William C. Doyle
New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick
Oklahoma 1969-70

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California 1970-71

John H. Geiger
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Joe L. Matthews
Texas 1972-73

Robert E. L. Eaton
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Robert Charles Smith
Louisiana 1977-78

John M. Carey
Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton
Indiana 1979-80

Michael J. Kogutek
New York 1980-81

Jack W. Flynt
Texas 1981-82

Al Keller, Jr.
Illinois 1982-83

Keith Kreul
Wisconsin 1983-84

Clarence M. Bacon
Maryland 1984-85

Dale L. Renaud
Iowa 1985-86

Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus—March, 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus—May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

*Maurice Stember
New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr.
New York

Honorary National Commanders

*General John J. Pershing
*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

***Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

Recipients of The American Legion

Distinguished Service Medal

1921—Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France
Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain
Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium
Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy
Charles Bertrand of France

1922—Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing

1923—Adm. Robert E. Coontz
Gen. Josef Haller of Polland

1926—Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland

1927—Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France

1928—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain

1929—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis

1930—Adm. William S. Sims

1942—Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur

1943—Gen. George C. Marshall
Adm. Ernest J. King

1944—Hon. Frank Knox*
Henry Ford
Gen. H.H. Arnold

1945—President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

1945—Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.*
Ernest (Ernie) Pyle*
Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz
Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower

1946—J. Edgar Hoover
Bob Hope
William Randolph Hearst

1946—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey
Hon. Cordell Hull

1947—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen
Sen. Edward Martin
Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson

1949—President Harry S. Truman
George Herman (Babe) Ruth*
Maj. Gen. Frank Parker*

1950—Charles F. Johnson, Jr.
Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord
Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers

1951—Gen. Charles P. Summerall

1953—Rep. Royal C. Johnson*

1954—Maj. Gen. George A. White*

1955—Dr. Jonas E. Salk
Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh

1956—Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone
Charles Stewart Mott

1957—Gen. Mark W. Clark
The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

1958—Bernard Mannes Baruch
Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery

1959—Sen. Robert S. Kerr

1961—President John F. Kennedy

1962—Gen. Lucius D. Clay
Dr. Thomas A. Dooley*

1963—Francis Cardinal Spellman

1964—Dr. Charles W. Mayo

1965—President Herbert C. Hoover*
Hon. James F. Byrnes

1966—Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon

1967—Hon. Tom C. Clark

1968—President Lyndon B. Johnson
Gen. William C. Westmoreland

1969—President Richard M. Nixon

1970—Rep. Olin E. Teague

1971—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers*
Sen. Richard B. Russell*

1972—Sen. John C. Stennis
Dewitt Wallace

1974—Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
Rep. F. Edward Hebert

1975—Harry W. Colmery

1976—Pat O'Brien

1977—Howard A. Rusk, M.D.

1978—Bowie K. Kuhn

1979—Thomas A. Murphy

1980—President Gerald R. Ford
Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War

1981—Americans Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen

1982—President Ronald W. Reagan

1983—Adm. Hyman C. Rickover

1984—Sen. J. Strom Thurmond

1985—Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger
Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr.*

*Awarded Posthumously

The American Legion and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

Each year brings with it a new set of challenges for the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. The Commission and the assigned staff of National Headquarters have continued to work to protect, defend and where possible improve the programs of benefits for veterans pursuant to the mandates adopted by the National Convention and National Executive Committee.

Legislative progress was made on a number of veterans' issues as a result of the Legion's 17 appearances before several Congressional committees. It is important that Congress be made aware of our concerns and priorities. Although many bills are still pending, laws were passed to exempt from any future sequestration requirements under the Gramm-Rudman Act, all VA benefit programs with the exception of GI Bill education payments; a cost-of-living increase was provided in service-connected disability compensation and survivor's benefits; additional benefits were enacted for former POWs; the Vet Center program of readjustment counseling for Vietnam veterans was continued; and certain health-care programs were expanded. In addition, a permanent GI Bill education program was established as an incentive for service in one of the many active duty and reserve programs of the Armed Forces. This will help ensure a strong national defense and assist veterans with their post-service education.

One law, enacted over the vigorous opposition of The American Legion imposed a "Means Test" for most veterans seeking medical care from the VA. The required screening process has placed an additional burden on the medical centers whose resources and staff are already severely strained. An ongoing effort by the Legion has developed information confirming that service-connected and medically indigent veterans comprise more than 97% of all applicants for care. Congressional action will be sought to remove this unnecessary restriction, as well as the limitation that has been placed upon the payment of beneficiary travel allowances authorized for veterans reporting to VA facilities for scheduled examinations or treatment.

One of the most important issues still facing the VA and the Congress is the passage of the annual budget. American Legion efforts will continue to ensure adequate funding is provided in the VA's programs of compensation and pension, education, home loan guaranty, and medical care. In particular, there is a critical need for additional staffing in the regional offices in order that benefit claims can be processed in a more reasonable and timely manner, and in the medical centers to ensure that all eligible veterans are provided the highest quality of service and care.

These and other issues are of special importance to this nation's veterans, their families, and survivors. Congress and the VA have been responsive to many of the problems and concerns raised by the Legion such as the needs of the aging veteran, homeless veterans, those exposed to radiation, veterans' employment and hospital construction. In the continuing debate over the Federal budget and national priorities, The American Legion has been dedicated to seeing that funding for veterans' programs receives top priority, second only to national defense.



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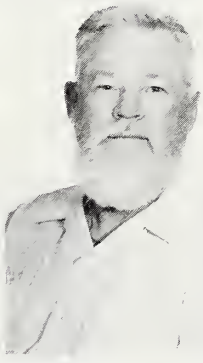
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Sixty-Seventh Annual National Convention 1987

Convention Session — Gonzalez Convention Center
Headquarters Hotel — Hilton Palacio del Rio
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Saturday, August 22, 1987
Pre-Convention Committee Meetings
9-11:30 a.m. (unless other times noted below)

Group A	Americanism Foreign Relations Music National Security	Salon del Rey North Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
Group B	Children & Youth Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State	Salon del Rey South Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
Group C	Junior Activities Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories Public Relations	Salon del Rey Center Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
Group D	Legislative Past Presidents Parley Poppy Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Mission Room Convention Center
Group E	Chaplains Community Service Historians	V.I.P. Room Convention Center
Group F	Constitution & Bylaws Leadership Permanent Organization Rules	River Room A Convention Center
Group G	Membership	Rehearsal Hall Convention Center
Group H	Credentials 9-9:30 a.m.	El Mirador East & West Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
Group I	Resolutions 9:45-11:30 a.m.	El Mirador East & West Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
Group J	Finance	Corte Real Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor

12 noon-1 p.m.	National Junior Meeting Registration	Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
1-2 p.m.	Get-Acquainted Reception	Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
1-2:30 p.m.	Pre-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting	Salon del Rey Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
2-3 p.m.	National Junior Divisional Caucuses	
	Central	La Condesa East Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
	Eastern	La Condesa West Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
	Northwestern	La Espada Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor
	Southern	La Reina Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
	Western	La Vista Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
3-5:30 p.m.	National Junior Meeting Opening	La Condesa East & West Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor

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7-9 p.m.
National President Candidate's Reception
El Jardin — Garden Patio, Hilton Palacio del Rio, 5th Floor

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7—9 p.m.
National Officers Candidates' Reception
Salon del Rey (Mezzanine Level), Hilton Palacio del Rio

Sunday, August 23, 1987

8-10:30 a.m.	DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES	
	Central Division	Mission Room Convention Center
	Eastern Division	River Room A Convention Center
	Northwestern Division	Salon del Rey Center & South Hilton Palacio del Rio, 4th Floor
	Southern Division	South Banquet Hall Convention Center
	Western Division	River Room B Convention Center
8:30-10:45 a.m.	Pages Rehearsal	Theatre Convention Center
8:30-11 a.m.	National Junior Meeting	El Mirador & La Condesa East & West Hilton Palacio del Rio, 22nd Floor

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PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL SERVICE
11 a.m. — North Banquet Hall, Gonzalez Convention Center

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National Convention Parade
4 p.m.

Monday, August 24, 1987
Opening Meeting — 67th National Convention

8:15-8:30 a.m.
Concert by Ninth District American Legion Band of Minnesota
Convention Organists — Marie Boedeker and Pat McHale
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Ione Kubby *National Convention Chairman*
OPENING PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION	Mrs. Judy Collins *National Chaplain*
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. Helen Holcomb *National Americanism Chairman*
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Led by Mrs. Alice Galka & Mr. Harvey Holcomb
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Mrs. Margaret Yankovich *National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman*
WELCOME	Mrs. Evelyn Starr *National President*

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

The American Legion	Mr. Harvey Holcomb, *President* The American Legion Convention Corporation of Texas
	Mr. James Dean *National Commander*
	Mr. Robert Spanogle *National Adjutant*
State of Texas	The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr. *Governor of Texas*
City of San Antonio	The Honorable Henry G. Cisneros *Mayor of San Antonio*
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GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
Mrs. Josie Melgard, *Junior Past National President*

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES
Mrs. Ardis Stone, *National Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Lee Flack, *National Vice Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Sally Anderson, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Beverly Otterness, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Lila Hedlund, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Ella Lindquist, *Personal Page*

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials	Mrs. Geraldine Connolly
Permanent Organization	Mrs. Ordean Couvillon
Rules	Mrs. Marge Goepferd

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Here's to Girls State"

Girls State — Mrs. Joyce Jorgens, *Chairman*

1987 Girls Nation President

Recess — 12 noon

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The American Legion Festival — 2 p.m.

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Tuesday, August 25, 1987 — 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *National President*

INVOCATION — Mrs. Judy Collins, *National Chaplain*

NOMINATION OF 1987-1988 NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS — Mrs. Pearl Behrend, Presiding, National Vice President

National Secretary — Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Treasurer — Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield
National Chaplain — Mrs. Judy Collins
National Historian — Mrs. Thelma Foster

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS — Mrs. Barbara Bush, Wife of the Vice President of the United States

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
"Let There Be Peace on Earth" — Mrs. Barbara Gwilliam, Presiding, Western Division National Vice President

Foreign Relations — Mrs. Reva Laughlin, *Chairman*
Leadership — Mrs. Linda Newsome, *Chairman*
Legislative — Mrs. Ruby Paul, *Chairman*
National Security — Mrs. Jan Franklin, *Chairman*

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

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11:45 a.m.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON
South Banquet Hall, Gonzalez Convention Center

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *National President*

TEXAS FLAG PRESENTATION

GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
"America" — Mrs. Marilyn Hanson, Presiding, Northwestern Division National Vice President

Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Mrs. Ruth Roush, *Chairman*
Americanism	Mrs. Helen Holcomb, *Chairman*
Community Service	Mrs. Syble Deshotel, *Chairman*
Education	Mrs. Corky Bradshaw, *Chairman*
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS	Mrs. Vivian Burley, Presiding
"I Believe"	Southern Division National Vice President
Bicentennial to the Constitution	Mrs. Pearl Behrend, *Chairman*
Cavalcade of Memories	Mrs. Maxine Chilton, *Chairman*
Finance	Mrs. Anna Gear, *Chairman*
Junior Activities	Linda Boone, *Chairman*

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Recess — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26, 1987 — 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Evelyn Starr *National President*
INVOCATION	Mrs. Judy Collins *National Chaplain*

ELECTION OF 1987-1988 NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS	Miss Jeri Brooks, Presiding
"Auxiliary to the Legion"	Eastern Division National Vice President
Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation	Mrs. Dora Seymour, *Chairman*
Past President Parley	Mrs. Rae Shaw, *Chairman*
Poppy	Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti, *Chairman*
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Mrs. Alice Galka, *Chairman*
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS	Mrs. Nancy Smith, Presiding
"Membership is a Positive State of Mind"	Central Division National Vice President
Constitution and Bylaws	Mrs. Margaret Yankovich, *Chairman*
Membership	Mrs. Mary Niles, *Chairman*
Public Relations	Miss Elizabeth Stewart, *Chairman*

GOLDEN PRESS AND GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Evelyn Starr *National President*
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS	"You Light Up My Life"
Music	Mrs. Marie Boedeker, *Chairman*
Children and Youth	Mrs. Betty Calder, *Chairman*
ADDRESS	Dr. Joseph C. Kiser Children's Heart Fund

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Mrs. Mary Lou Beckman, *Chairman*
Mrs. Nan Genta, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. Corinne Krogh, *Secretary*

RETIREMENT OF DEPARTMENT COLORS

Recess — 4 p.m.

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HEAD TABLE RECEPTION — 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Room 107, Gonzalez Convention Center

STATES DINNER — 7:30 p.m.
North Banquet Hall, Gonzalez Convention Center

Thursday, August 27, 1987 — 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *National President*

INSTALLATION OF 1987-1988 NATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Immediately following Convention Adjournment)
Room 107, Gonzalez Convention Center

Office Assignments

National Secretary	Room 101-A Gonzalez Convention Center
National Treasurer	Room 101-B Gonzalez Convention Center
National Convention Chairman	Room 102-A Gonzalez Convention Center
Public Relations	Room 102-B Gonzalez Convention Center
First Aid	Room 104 Gonzalez Convention Center
Lost & Found/Mail Room	Room 106 Gonzalez Convention Center

National Convention Committees

National Convention Chairman
lone Kubby

National Convention Vice Chairman
Helen Holcomb

National Convention Secretary
Frances Goff

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Martha Douglas, *Chairman*
Pennie Pearcy, *Vice Chairman*

Courtesies to Distinguished Guests
Marian Odell, *Chairman*
Joyce Satterfield, *Vice Chairman*

Distinguished Guests/Hospitality
Theo Hill, *Chairman*
Mary Lahaie, *Vice Chairman*

Divisional Caucuses
Charlie Mayes, *Chairman*
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Myrlin Geisenberg, *Chairman*
Irma Sonntag, *Vice Chairman*

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Virginia Scanlon, *Chairman*
Rosie Cherry, *Vice Chairman*

Flag Registration
Eris Routon, *Chairman*
Betty Vavricek, *Vice Chairman*

Flowers/Corsages
Roberta Ruppert, *Chairman*
Jackie Schafer, *Vice Chairman*

Halls/Stage
Beatrice Neumann, *Chairman*
Eva Nell Finch, *Vice Chairman*

Information/Registration
Beverly Huston, *Chairman*
Elizabeth Braune, *Vice Chairman*

Local Pages
Lee Flack, *Chairman*
Joyce Campbell, *Vice Chairman*

Lost and Found
Martha Philebar, *Chairman*
Helen Zann, *Vice Chairman*

Mail Room
Audrey Piper, *Chairman*
Cleo Wren, *Vice Chairman*

National Luncheon
Wanda Scott, *Chairman*
Shirley Ott, *Vice Chairman*

Past Department Presidents' Luncheon
Myra Hester, *Chairman*
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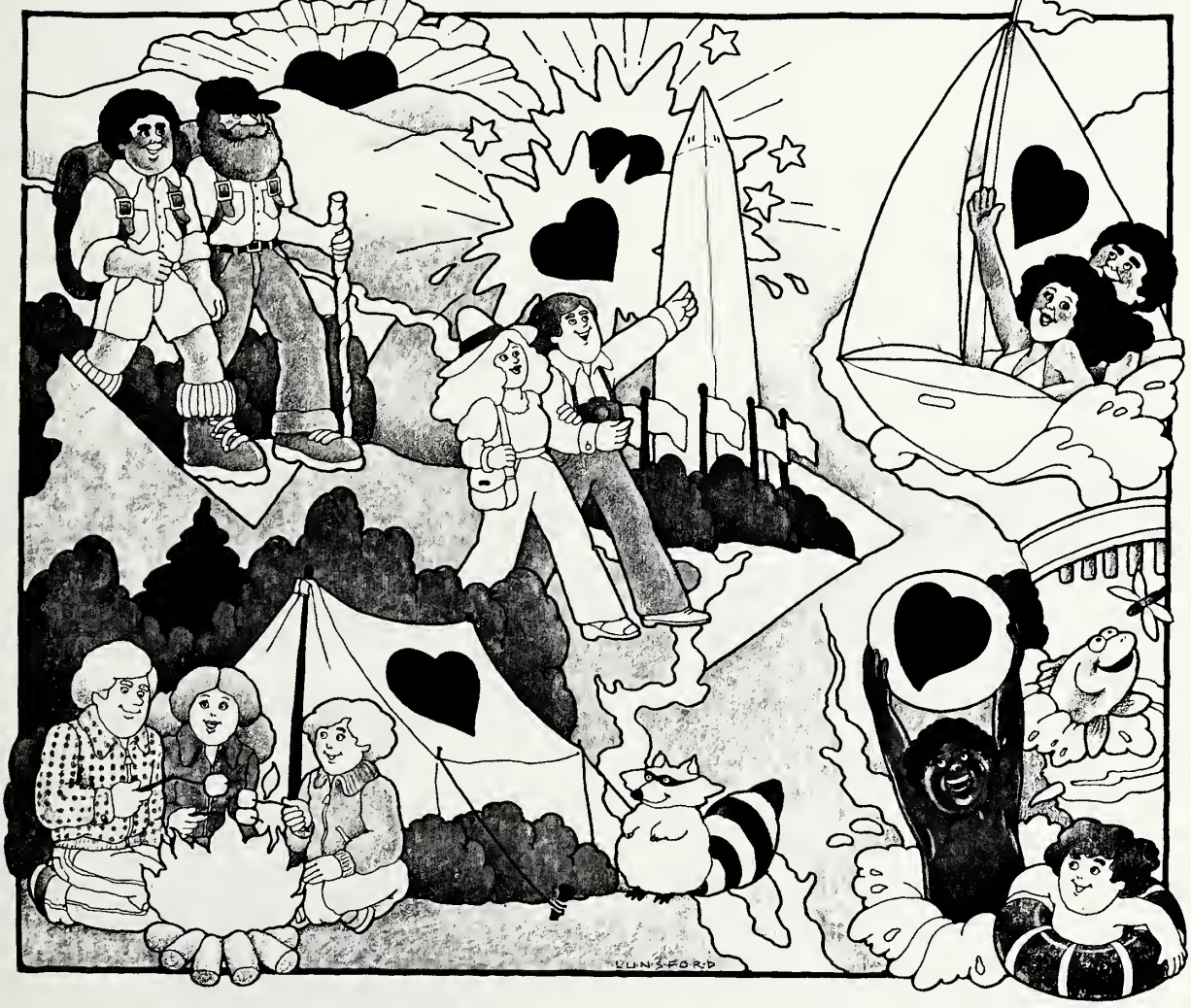
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Allene Walsh, *Chairman*
Phyllis Lathrum, *Vice Chairman*

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HOURS:

Saturday, August 22, 1987

Convention Center Foyer — 9:00-3:00

Wednesday, August 26, 1987

Memorial Auditorium — 9:00-3:00

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Hotel Hilton Palacio Del Rio
San Antonio, Texas
August 27, 28, 29, 1987

Official Program
National Officers



Mrs. James Malone
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Registration

Saturday, August 22, 1987	La Duquesa Room, Mezzanine Floor	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Monday, August 24, 1987	La Duquesa Room, Mezzanine Floor	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, August 25, 1987	La Duquesa Room, Mezzanine Floor	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 26, 1987	La Duquesa Room, Mezzanine Floor	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 27, 1987	La Duquesa Room, Mezzanine Floor	12 noon to 1:00 P.M.

Guest registration will also be accepted during these hours

Thursday, August 27, 1987

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR ..... CORTE REAL ROOM ..... 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

EL MIRADOR EAST
Permanent Organization — Chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Rice ..... 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Children & Youth — Chairman, Mrs. Harry Stephens ..... 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

EL MIRADOR WEST
Credentials — Chairman, Mrs. Helen Peeples ..... 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Resolutions — Chairman, Mrs. Lorene Berg ..... 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Constitution & Bylaws — Chairman, Mrs. Clarence Kates ..... 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

LA CONDESA EAST
Rituals & Emblems — Chairman, Mrs. Donald Clise ..... 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Rules & Order — Chairman, Mrs. Betty Jane Cline ..... 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Handbook Review — Chairman, Mrs. William Staley, Sr. ..... 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

LA CONDESA WEST
Publicity — Chairman, Miss Helen McCormick ..... 2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
L'Aumonier — Mrs. Donna Baley ..... 2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
L'Archiviste — Mrs. Donald Still ..... 3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

LA ESPADA
Nurses Scholarship — Chairman, Mrs. Paul Brady ..... 2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Trophies & Awards — Chairman, Mrs. Donna Balcombe ..... 2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
Partnership — Chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Harrold ..... 3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Display and Emblem Sales
La Duquesa Room — Mezzanine Floor

Emblem Sales will be open in the La Duquesa room at the same hours as Registration, except on Thursday, August 27th when the hours will be 10:00 to 12 noon. On Friday Emblem Sales will be open from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. for the convenience of those who arrived only for La Marche Nationale. No further sales of emblem materials will be made after that time in order that they may be packed and made ready for shipment back to Miami. All items listed will not be available for sale at La Marche. However, those wishing to order items not available, to be shipped to them after La Marche, may do so and same will be shipped no charge. These orders must be paid in full at La Marche. For inventory control purposes all orders must be accompanied by completed order form. Order forms will be placed in each convention packet and will also be available at emblem display. Partners must show current 1987 partnership cards in order to purchase emblem items.

Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, La Concierge Nationale, Mrs. Walter Bonham, Chairman of Pages and Mrs. Leona Andrews, Vice Chairman of Pages, Les Marchals, Distinguished Guest Committee and ALL PAGES will report for rehearsal on Thursday evening, August 27th at 6 P.M. in the SALON DEL RIO ROOM.

Meet the Candidates Reception

Thursday, August 27, 1987 ..... CORTE REAL ROOM ..... 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, August 28, 1987

DIVISIONAL CAUCUS BREAKFASTS — (Locations to be announced at La Marche)..... 7:00 A.M.

La Marche Nationale
Salon Del Rio

OPENING SESSION..... Friday, August 28, 1987..... 9:00 A.M.

LA MARCHE CHAIRMAN
PRESIDING..... Mrs. Mildred Porter
PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES

Mrs. Harry Kehm	Mrs. Michael Suvak
Mrs. Walter Davol	Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.
Mrs. Herman Edwards	Mrs. Sherrman Lansdale
Mrs. Ray Stratton	Mrs. Charles Smith
Mrs. Frances Keefe	Miss Julia Mullan
Mrs. James Michelet	Mrs. Herman Reimink
Mrs. Joseph Voit	Mrs. Elmer Martin
Mrs. Wm. J. McKinley	Mrs. Violet Aichholz
Mrs. James Gleason	Mrs. Harry Russell
Mrs. James DeForce	Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.
Miss Dorothy Dolle	Mrs. Chris Schweitzer
Mrs. Lucien Landry	Mrs. Joseph Mardu
	Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS — escorted by LA MARCHE PAGES
Hat Box Editor ..... Mrs. Blanche Mack
L'Avocate Nationale..... Mrs. Elmer Martin
La Concierge Nationale ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill
L'Archiviste Nationale ..... Mrs. Donald Still
L'Aumonier Nationale ..... Mrs. Donna Baley
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale ..... Mrs. James Malone
LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHEAPEUX
Mrs. David Cusick..... Eastern Division
Mrs. Swen Thompson..... Central Division
Mrs. David Walker ..... Northwestern Division
Mrs. Jean Eady..... Southern Division
Mrs. Geraldine Connolly ..... Western Division
Le Demi Chapeau National .... Mrs. Arthur Patterson
Le Chapeau National..... Mrs. Chester Hayes
CALL TO ORDER..... Mrs. Chester Hayes, Le Chapeau National
ADVANCE OF COLORS ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, La Concierege Nationale, and Les Marchals, Ginny Egan and Vereta Peake
INVOCATION ..... Mrs. Donna Baley, L'Aumonier Nationale
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, La Concierge Nationale
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Musiciene and Assembly
FLANDERS FIELD ..... Mrs. Jeane Eady, Demi Chapeau Southern Division
AMERICA'S ANSWER..... Mrs. Swen Thompson, Demi Chapeau Central Division
ROLL CALL..... Mrs. James Malone, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale
READING OF THE CALL TO 1987 LA MARCHE NATIONALE REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR THE 1986 MARCHE NATIONALE Mrs. Joseph Mardu, Mrs. Herman Reimink, Mrs. Harry Russell

PRESENTATION AND GREETINGS Mrs. Herman Reimink, Distinguished Guest Chairman
Escorted by Chapeaux Nationaux Passes
Mr. James P. Dean, *National Commander,* The American Legion
Mrs. James E. Starr, *National President,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. H.B. Behrend, *National Vice President,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Melvin Junge, *National Secretary,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Robert Spanogle, *National Adjutant,* The American Legion
Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, *National Treasurer,* The

American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. William Calder, *National Children & Youth Chairman,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Eugene V. Lindquist, *National Children & Youth Chairman,* The American Legion
Mrs. Mildred Porter, *National Chairman,* 1987 La Marche Nationale
Mrs. Maurice Kubby, *National Convention Chairman,* The American Legion Auxiliary
The Honorable William S. Clements, *Governor* State of Texas
The Honorable Henry Cisneros, *Mayor* of City of San Antonio
Mr. John Richter, *Department Commander,* The American Legion, Department of Texas
Mrs. James Gregory, *Department President,* The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas
Mrs. Alta Flick, *Le Chapeau* Departmental de Texas
Mr. Harvey Holcomb, *President* of 1987 National Convention Corp.

INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES ..... Mrs. Chester Hayes, Le Chapeau National
SPEAKING FOR THE CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES ..... Mrs. Herbert Robinson, Immediate Chapeau National Passe
REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES
Rules and Order ..... Mrs. Betty Jane Cline, Chairman
Permanent Organizations . Mrs. Marguerite Rice, Chairman
REPORT OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX AND INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX
Mrs. David Cusick ..... Eastern Division
Mrs. Swen Thompson ..... Central Division
Mrs. David Walker ..... Northwestern Division
Mrs. Jean Eady ..... Southern Division
Mrs. Geraldine Connolly ..... Western Division
REPORT OF THE 1986-1987 NATIONAL OFFICERS
Le Chapeau National ..... Mrs. Chester Hayes
Le Demi Chapeau National ..... Mrs. Arthur Patterson
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale ..... Mrs. James Malone
L'Archiviste Nationale ..... Mrs. Donald P. Still
L'Avocate Nationale ..... Mrs. Elmer Martin
La Concierge Nationale ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill
Hat Box Editor ..... Mrs. Blanche Mack
NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988
RECESS ..... 12:00 Noon

Second Session of La Marche Nationale
Friday, August 28, 1987 . . 1:30 P.M.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ..... Assembly
PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEE ..... Mrs. Mildred Porter, La Marche Chairman
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN
Children and Youth ..... Mrs. Harry Stephens, Chairman
National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine ..... Mrs. Jacobe Foreman, Liaison
GUEST SPEAKER ..... Mrs. Doug Lasky, Eight and Forty Coordinator, National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine
Constitution & Bylaws ..... Mrs. Clarence Kates, Chairman
Finance ..... Mrs. Chris Schweitzer, Chairman
Nurses Scholarship ..... Mrs. Paul Brady, Chairman
Partnership ..... Mrs. Lloyd Harrold, Chairman
Rituals & Emblems ..... Mrs. Donald Clise, Chairman
Trophies & Awards ..... Mrs. Donna Balcombe, Chairman
Report of Advisory Committee ..... Mrs. Joseph Mardu, Chairman
Report on Special Committee on Handbook ..... Mrs. William Staley, Sr. Chairman
Report of National Publicity Chairman ..... Miss Helen McCormick, Chairman
Report of National Photo Book Chairman ..... Mrs. Mary Margaret Richey, Chairman
Report of National Memory Book Chairman ..... Mrs. Melvin Gravenmier, Chairman
RECESS

Third Session of La Marche Nationale
Saturday, August 29, 1987 — 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Service

In Memoriam ..... L'Aumonier Mrs. Donna Baley, presiding
Prelude ..... La Musicienne
Processional ..... Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes
Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux
Le Chapeau National
Prayer — Psalm 100 ..... L'Aumonier Nationale

Solo "How Great Thou Art"
Tribute to all Deceased Partners ..... Mrs. Chester Hayes, Le Chapeau National
Eulogy in memory of Hazel Davis, Le Chapeau National Passe
Tribute to all partners entering Eternal Rest 1986-1987 ..... Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux

Eastern Division — Mrs. David Cusick
Central Division — Mrs. Swen Thompson
Northwestern Division — Mrs. David Walker
Southern Division — Mrs. Jean C. Eady
Western Division — Mrs. Geraldine S. Connolly

Response (all partners in unison)
"They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind. In those whom they have blessed, they live a life again. Eternal life is theirs throughout the years and time declared their immortality."
Music (sung by all) "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
Benediction ..... L'Aumonier Nationale
Recessional ..... La Musicienne
(Audience remain in seats until after recessional)

REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES
Credentials ..... Mrs. Helen Peeples, Chairman
Resolutions ..... Mrs. Lorene Berg, Chairman
Eight and Forty Song ..... Assembly

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION OF LES MARCHALS ..... Virginia Egan, Illinois, Vereta Peake, Oregon

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

Mrs. Walter Bonham, Oklahoma, Cahriamn
Mrs. Leona Andrews, Arkansas, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Allison Cannady, California
Mrs. Rosemary Crabtree, Louisiana
Mrs. Sara Behrens, Maryland
Mrs. Betty Schlueter, Minnesota
Mrs. Inice Bales, Missouri
Mrs. Louise Cooper, Montana
Mrs. Jacklyn Dalbey, Nebraska
Mrs. Wanda North, Utah
Mrs. Cornie Hough, Vermont
Mrs. Helen Evans, Washington

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES
To Le Chapeau National ..... Mrs. Byrla Jean, Arkansas
Mrs. Evelyn Holt, Arkansas
Honorary ..... Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California
Honorary ..... Mrs. Opal Mays, Arkansas
To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale ..... Mrs. Alice Black, Florida

RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX
INTRODUCTION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX AND PINNING BY
LES DEMI CHAPEAU NATIONAUX
REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTIONS ..... Mrs. Bryant Barron, Arizona
PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
"Bless be the Tie that Binds" ..... Assembly
RECESS

Post Marche Pouvoir

Saturday August 19, 1987 immediately following close of morning session, in EL MIRADOR ROOM

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS ..... LA CONDESA ROOM ..... 2:30 P.M.
Mrs. James Malone, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, Presiding
LA MARCHE BANQUET ..... SALON DEL RIO ..... 7:00 P.M.

Processional of Guests ..... Mrs. Oleta Reed, Banquet Chairman
Invocation ..... Mrs. Donna Baley, L'Aumonier Nationale
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, La Concierege Nationale
National Anthem
Welcome ..... Mrs. Mildred Porter, La Marche Nationale Chairman
Response ..... Mrs. Arthur Patterson, Le Demi Chapeau National

ENTERTAINMENT
Installation of Officers 1987-1988 ..... Mrs. Harvey Keefe, Chapeau National Passe
Presentation of Le Chapeau National Passe Pin ..... Mrs. Elmer Martin, Chapeau National Passe
Benediction ..... Mrs. Michael Suvak, Chapeau National Passe

RETIREMENT OF COLORS
ADJOURNMENT OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE 1987

Special Marche Committees

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Mrs. Herman Reimink, Chairman
Mrs. William Staley, Sr.
Mrs. Michael Suvak
Mrs. Charles Smith
Miss Julia V. Mullan
Mrs. James Gleason
Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.
Mrs. Harvey Keefe
Mrs. Sherman Lansdale
Mrs. Harry Russell
Miss Dorothy Dolle

CREDENTIALS
Mrs. Helen Peeples, OH
Chairman
Mrs. Shirley Rafferty, PA
Mrs. Alta Flick, TX

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
Mrs. Marguerite Rice, KS,
Chairman
Mrs. Elizabeth Lori, NJ
Mrs. Jeane Massey, NM

RULES & ORDER
Mrs. Betty Jane Cline, MI,
*Chairman*Mrs. Kaye Stang, HI
Mrs. Dolsie Root, CT

RESOLUTIONS
Mrs. Lorene Berg, AL
Chairman
Mrs. John Armstrong, CA
Mrs. Albert Ybarra, AZ

LES MARCHALS
Mrs. Ginny Egan, IL
Mrs. Vereta Peake, OR

NATIONAL PAGES
Mrs. Walter Bonham, OK,
Chairman

Mrs. Leona Andrews, AK,
Vice Chairman
Mrs. Allison Cannaday, Ca
Mrs. Rosemary Crabtree, LA
Mrs. Sara Behrens, MD
Mrs. Betty Schlueter, MN
Mrs. Inice Bales, MO
Mrs. Louise Cooper, MT
Mrs. Jacklyn Dalbey, NE
Mrs. Cornie M. Hough, VT
Mrs. Helen Evans, WA
Mrs. Wanda North, UT

PERSONAL PAGES TO
LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL
Mrs. Byrla Jean, AK
Mrs. Evelyn Holt, AK

HONORARY PERSONAL
PAGES TO LE
CHAPEAU NATIONAL
Mrs. Ethel Marsh, CA
Mrs. Opal Mays, AK

PERSONAL PAGE TO LA
SECRETAIRE CAISSIERE
NATIONALE
Mrs. Alice Black, FL

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
Mrs. Bryant Barron, AZ

TELLERS
Mrs. Elizabeth Mowrey, IN
Mrs. Leona Jeffes, NY
Mrs. Ethel Bainbridge, SD
Mrs. Julie Elderidge, NH

CANDIDATES RECEPTION
Mrs. Herbert Robinson, FL
Le Chapeau National Passe

Local Committees

TRANSPORTATION & ENTERTAINMENT
Mrs. Hazel Schoch,
Chairman

DIVISIONAL CO-ORDINATORS
Eastern Division,
Mrs. Sylvia Schwebke
Southern Division,
Mrs. Mary Yocum
Central Division,
Mrs. Grace Thomas
Northwestern Division,
Mrs. Ada Mae Byrne
Western Division,
Mrs. Ila Maloy

DISPLAYS
Mrs. Mary Jo Berry,
Chairman

DECORATIONS & FAVORS
Mrs. Jane Jones,
Chairman

HALLS & SEATING
Mrs. Vee Wilder,
Chairman

PROGRAM & TICKETS
Mrs. Jane Jones,
Chairman

BANQUET CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Oleta Reed

LA MARCHE SCRETAIRE
Mrs. Mary Jo Berry

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Mrs. Mary Yocum

Sons of The American Legion



Douglas Bible
National Commander



Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr.
National Adjutant

National Vice Commander (East)
..... Donald Willson (PA)
National Vice Commander (South)
..... Charles R. Belles (VA)
National Vice Commander (Central)
..... Vacant
National Vice Commander (Midwest)
..... Lionel Sandoval (CO)
National Vice Commander (West)
..... Peter M. Avina (CA)
National Assistant Adjutants —
..... Richard McKenry (GA)
..... Larry Paulus (IN)
..... Wendell D. Gordon (NM)
..... Gregory Nielsen (NE)
..... Kenneth E. Wyman (AZ)
National Chaplain ..... Ernest J. Prior (RI)
National Historian ..... Thomas O'Brien (FL)
National Judge Advocate
..... Richard J. Kepler (AZ)
National Sergeant-at-Arms
..... Ed Sturm (PA)
National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
..... William J. Murphy III (MA)
..... Ed Shuebrooks (FL)
..... Louis Scott, Jr. (MI)
..... Michael Isaacson (AK)
..... Roland Lykins (TX)
National Commander's Aide:
..... Joe Mayne (MN)

SESSIONS: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Rio Grande Ballroom, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

REGISTRATION: National Convention Delegates and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Rio Grande Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Agenda
16th Annual
National Convention
San Antonio, Texas

Friday, August 21, 1987

1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION of National Convention Delegates and Alternates begins.

7:00 p.m. N.E.C. MEETING (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order — Douglas Bible (MN) National Commander
Hand Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Other Opening Business
REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES:
- Children & Youth
- Commander's Advisory
- Commander's Project
- Convention Committee
- Membership Committee
- SAL Color Guard

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS:
- Americanism
- Community Affairs
- Finance
- Internal Affairs
- Legislative
- Public Relations
- Rehabilitation

Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the S.A.L.
Benediction — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain

Saturday, August 22, 1987

8:00 a.m. DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 a.m. 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Call to Order — Douglas Bible (MN) National Commander

Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Judge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Reading of Convention Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Opening Remarks — Douglas Bible (MN), National Commander
Establishment of Convention Committees
Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Legislative & Rules Committee
Salute to the Colors
Recess

1:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER — Douglas Bible (MN), National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
(Note: during the Convention session, various addresses will be delivered)
REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
Donald Willson (PA), National Vice Commander (East)
Charles R. Belles (VA), National Vice Commander (South)
Lionel Sandoval (CO), National Vice Commander (Midwest)
Peter M. Avina (CA), National Vice Commander (West)
REPORTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES
Credentials — Preliminary Report
Americanism
Constitutional Amendments
Finance
Internal Affairs
Legislative & Rules
Membership
Make-A-Wish
National Commander's Special Project
Rehabilitation
Presentation of National History Contest Awards — Thomas O'Brien (FL), National Historian
Report of Credentials Committee — Final Report for First Session
Presentations to National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Area Caucuses

Sunday, August 23, 1987

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION CLOSES
CALL TO ORDER — Douglas Bible (MN), National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Judge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
National Convention Memorial Service — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain
Report of Credentials Committee — Final Report
Special Order of Business — Election of National Officers
— National Commander
— National Vice Commanders (5)
— National Chaplain
Installation of Newly Elected National Officers
Benediction — Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Chaplain
Retirement of Colors
Final Adjournment — Douglas Bible (MN), National Commander
N.E.C. Meeting — Post Convention Meeting (following conclusion of National Convention)
Call to Order — Newly Elected National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Invocation — Newly Elected National Chaplain
Roll Call — National Adjutant
Confirmation of Appointed National Officers
Appointment of Special NEC Committees
New Business
Unfinished Business
Benediction — Newly Elected National Chaplain
Adjournment — Newly Elected National Commander

4:00 p.m. PARADE (I Division, immediately following The American Legion Youth Award Winners)

Past National Commanders

1968 ..... Michael Seaton (CA)
1969 ..... Robert McBride (OH)
1970 ..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1971 ..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1972 ..... John Smokinsky (MA)
1973 ..... Robert Faust (CA)
1974 ..... James Hartman (MD)
1975 ..... Gregory Reis (IL)
1976 ..... Grant Jamieson (MI)
1977 ..... Charles Gannon (MD)
1978 ..... John M. Sherrard (CA)
1979 ..... Richard Kepler (TN)
1980 ..... Ernest Wilson (NJ)
1981 ..... Donald Willson (PA)
1982 ..... David P. Stephens (IN)
1983 ..... Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)
1984 ..... Fred Hartline (OH)
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1986 ..... Royce Doucet (LA)

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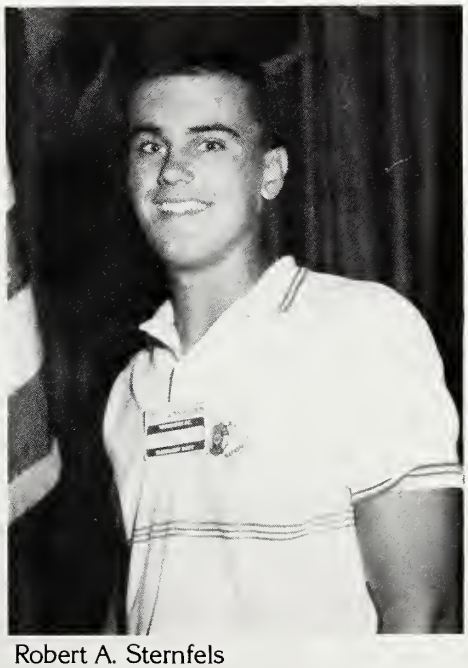
Maryagnes Barbieri
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Jensen Beach, Florida
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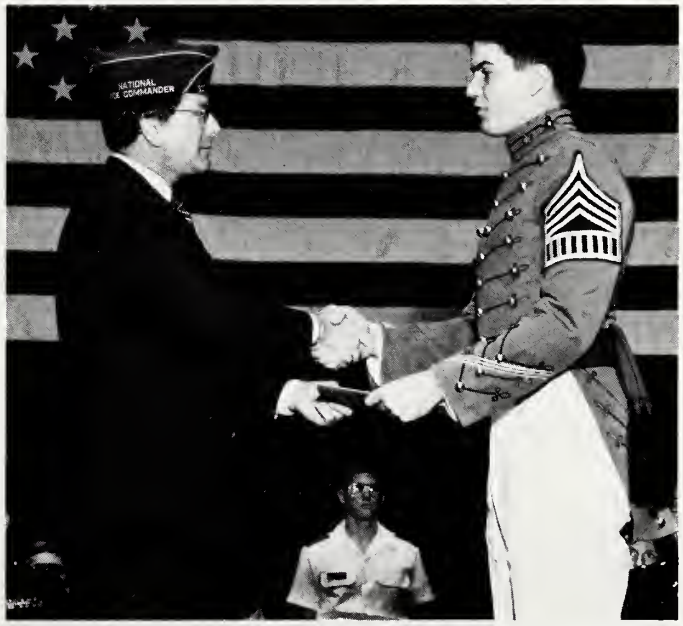
As the graduating cadet who ranked the highest scholastically at the Air Force Academy, Hoand N. Tran of Rohnert Park, CA, receives The American Legion's General Muir S. Fairchild award, presented by National Vice Commander Ervin F. Van Dyke of Wisconsin.



Graduating Midshipman Michael Tobin of Florence, SC, who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations, receives The American Legion Award from National Vice Commander Doris R. Gross of Washington.



The American Legion's award for excellence in athletics was presented to Glenn L. Gebele at the Coast Guard Academy by National Vice Commander, Allen L. Titus of Indiana.



At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Fletcher M. Munter received The American Legion Award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award was presented by National Vice Commander William M. Detweiler of Louisiana.

We the People . . .

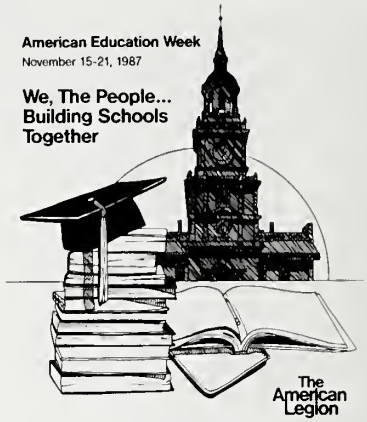
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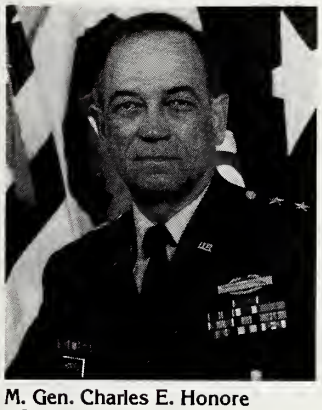
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L. Gen. John A. Shaud
Com. Gen. Randolph Air Force Base, TX

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The Texas National Convention Corporation of The American Legion and The American Legion express thanks and appreciation to Lieutenant General John A. Shaud, Grand Marshal; the Parade Deputy Grand Marshals; the DOD Coordinator and the Project Officers for their cooperation and contributions toward the success of the 69th Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

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The American Legion 69th National Convention
San Antonio, Texas

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August 23, 1987

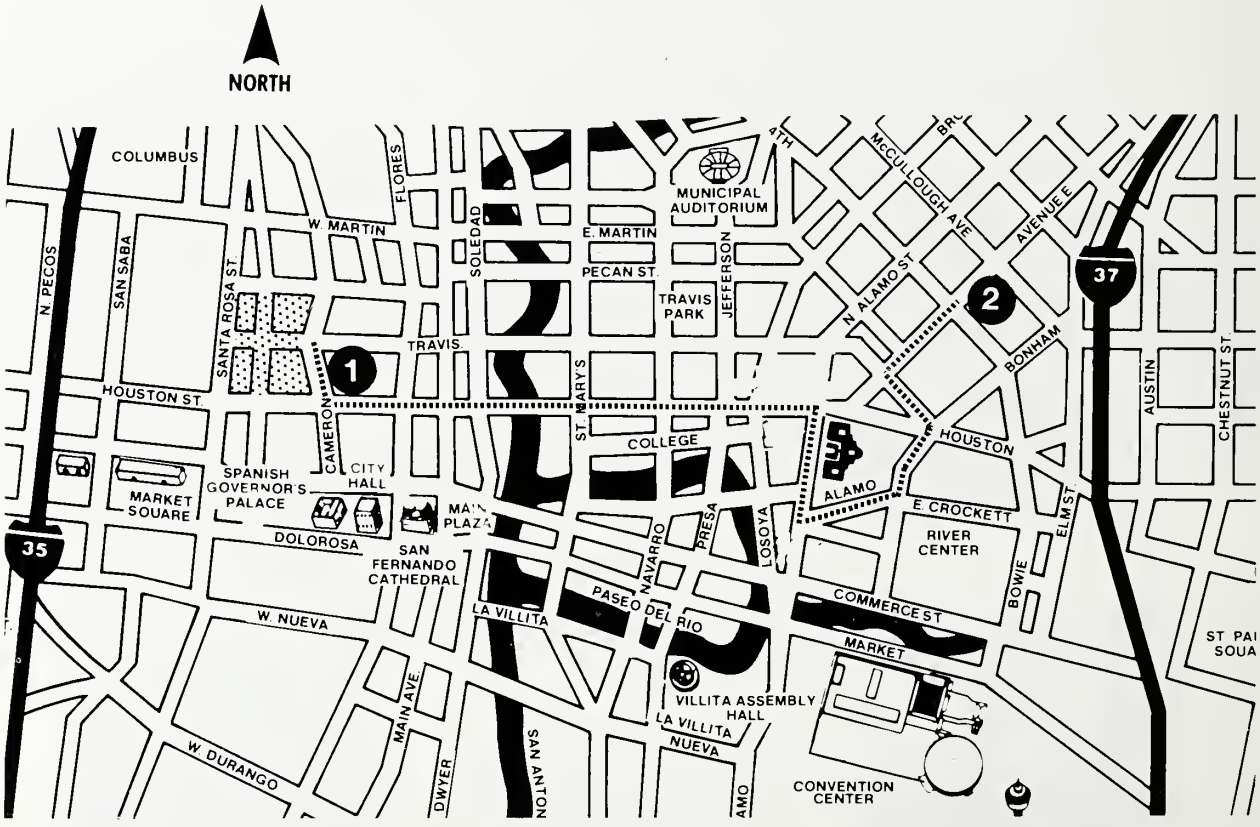
TIME:
4:00 P.M.

FORMATION AREA:
Cameron and Houston Streets

ROUTE: 1
Commencing at Houston and Cameron Streets, east on Houston Street to North Alamo Plaza, loop around Alamo Plaza to Avenue "E", northeast on Avenue "E" to Fourth St.

REVIEWING STAND:
West side of Alamo Street across from The Alamo

DISBANDING AREA: 2
Avenue "E" and Fourth Street



Parade Order

The American Legion National Convention Parade

Sunday, August 23, 1987
4:00 P.M.

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Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

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Dale L. Renaud
Route 1, Box 210
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Santa Ana, California

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Chief of Naval Air Training
Naval Air Station
Corpus Christie, Texas

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District
New Orleans, Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Chief of Community Relations
Air Training Command, USAF
Randolph AFB, Texas

PARADE CHAIRMAN
Herbert W. Odell
6409 Dovenshire Terrace
Fort Worth, Texas

Parade Order

The official parade of the 69th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME: (All times in these orders are Central Daylight Time.)
   (A) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point," (Cameron and East Houston Streets) promptly at 4:00 P.M., Sunday, August 23, 1987, regardless of weather.
   (B) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Parade Chairman. A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, August 22, 1987, in River Room B of the Convention Center.
   (C) A Parade Official will direct Departments and elements of the parade to their assigned assembly area. He will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
   (D) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. Promptness in arrival at the assembly area is mandatory.

2. ROUTE: Commencing at Houston and Cameron Streets, east on Houston Street to North Alamo Plaza, loop around Alamo Plaza to Avenue "E", northeast on Avenue "E" to Fourth St.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA: Cameron and Houston Streets

   (A) Recommended Walking Area — For those who will walk to the Assembly Area — Proceed west on Houston Street to Cameron Street.
   (B) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, August 22.
   (C) Float assembly area will be announced.

4. ORGANIZATION:
   (A) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of the Parade Officials. The composition of these divisions, order of march and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area map supplied to the Department Parade Chairman.
   (B) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
   (C) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
      (1) Massed Colors: Eight (8) abreast
      All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.
      (2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
      (3) Bands and Drum Corps: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
      (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column.
      No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.
      (5) Absolutely NO Maneuvers Except for a Forward Movement.
      Marching units, bands, Color Guards and Drill Teams must abide by this regulation.
   (D) Distances:
      (1) Between Divisions ..... 30 yards
      (2) Between Departments ..... 20 yards
      (3) Between elements of a Department ..... 10 yards

5. DISBANDING AREA:
   On Avenue "E" between Fourth Street and McCullough Ave.

6. OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:
   The official reviewing stand will be located on the west side of Alamo Plaza.
   Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right).

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:
   (A) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1987 Convention Corporation.
   (B) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
      (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
      (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
      (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
      (4) Female impersonators.
      (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
      (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
      (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials, either from floats or by marching units.
   (C) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:
   First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area and at intervals along the line of march.

9. PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES:
   After unloading at the assigned assembly area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. Parade Officials will direct marchers to their parked bus or buses.
   (Personal Belongings and All Equipment Must Be Removed From the Buses When Unloading at the Assembly Area.)

March Order

ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets

Assemble at 3:15 P.M. — Departure at 4:00 P.M.

A. San Antonio Police Escort
B. San Antonio Fire Department Escort
C. Bexar County Sheriff Patrol
D. Grand Marshall
E. Honorary Grand Marshall
F. Deputy Grand Marshalls
G. Joint Service Color Guard
H. United States Army —
   5th Army Band
   Fort Sam Houston Float
I. United States Navy —
   U.S. Navy Miniature Submarine
J. United States Air Force
   Randolph Air Force Base Honor Guard
   Randolph Air Force Base Drill Team
   Randolph Air Force Base Float
   Lackland Air Force Base Drum & Bugle Corps
   Kelly Air Force Base Float
   Lackland Air Force Base Red Beret Drill Team
   Brooks Air Force Base Float

DIVISION I Assemble at corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 3:45 P.M.

1. National Colors and 1986 National Co-Championship Color Guards, Cheverly Troopers — Cheverly Post 108, Brantwood, Maryland.
2. National Commander
3. National Officers
4. Runge High School Yellowjacket Band, Yorktown, Texas
5. National President
6. National Secretary
7. Junior Auxiliary
8. Southside High School Band, San Antonio, Texas

8A. National Girl's State Chorus

9. Past National Commanders
10. Society of The American Legion Founders
11. The American Legion Youth Award Winners
12. Sons of The American Legion
13. Fox Tech High School, San Antonio, Texas
14. Foreign and Outlying Departments
    Panama Canal
    Canada
    Philippines
    Mexico
    France
    Italy
    Puerto Rico
15. District of Columbia

ALL COLOR GUARDS WILL MARCH WITH THEIR DEPARTMENTS

DIVISION II — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 4:15 P.M.

17. Virginia
18. Delaware
19. Edgewood Red Raider Band, San Antonio, Texas
20. Nevada
21. Florida
22. Alabama
23. South San Antonio High School Bobcat Band, San Antonio, Texas
24. South Carolina
25. California

DIVISION III — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 4:45 P.M.

26. Arkansas
27. Kansas City American Legion Band
28. Missouri
29. Ohio
30. Waltham American Legion Band
31. Massachusetts
32. North Carolina
33. Utah
34. Hawaii

DIVISION IV — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 5:15 P.M.

35. Karnes City Badger Band, Karnes City, Texas
36. Connecticut
37. Kansas
38. Wisconsin
39. Kentucky
40. Sidney Lanier Band, San Antonio, Texas
41. New Jersey
42. Rhode Island
43. McCollum High School Marching Band, San Antonio, Texas
44. Arizona

DIVISION V — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 5:45 P.M.

45. Maryland
46. Stephen Sikora Post 132 American Legion Band, Tonawanda, New York
47. New York
48. Pennsylvania
49. Indiana
50. Ingram Tom Moore Warrior Band, Ingram, Texas
51. Tennessee
52. Colorado
53. 9th District American Legion Band
54. Minnesota

DIVISION VI — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 6:15 P.M.

55. R. V. Poppy Float, Duncan, Oklahoma, Post 55
56. Oklahoma
57. Gordon Bissell Post 4 American Legion Band
58. New Hampshire
59. Idaho
60. Roosevelt "Rough Riders" Marching Band, San Antonio, Texas
61. Vermont
62. West Virginia
63. Michigan
64. New Mexico
65. Poteet High School, Poteet, Texas

DIVISION VII — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 6:45 P.M.

66. Oregon
67. Georgia
68. Alamo Heights Blue & Gold Marching Band, San Antonio, Texas
69. Washington
70. South Dakota
71. Maine
72. Omaha Post 30 Drum Corp
73. Nebraska
74. Schleswig High School Band, Schleswig, Iowa
75. Iowa

DIVISION VIII — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 7:15 P.M.

76. Louisiana
77. Illinois
78. Sam Houston High School Band, San Antonio, Texas
79. Mississippi
80. Montana
81. Alaska
82. Williston Cowboys Drum & Bugle Corp, Williston, North Dakota
83. North Dakota
84. Wyoming

DIVISION IX — Assemble at Corner of Camaron and Houston Streets
Assemble at 7:45 P.M.

85. Texas

Annual Report

Covers Period Ending June 1, 1987

The final pages of this official program of the 69th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1986 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of the American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 69th Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

Each year, The American Legion faces new challenges crucial to the future of America's veterans. This year has been no different, and National Commander James P. Dean has met those challenges head-on in a fight on many fronts to preserve the ideals of The American Legion.

No sooner had Commander Dean taken office at the close of the 68th National Convention in Cincinnati, he challenged all Legionnaires to reach for a goal of three million members. This wasn't a personal goal — it was a Legion goal. We have worked toward that goal and achieved new highs in membership. Three million is still the challenge.

The challenge was made to make The American Legion as strong as possible, so its voice can be heard in chambers of Congress, down the halls of the VA and through the gates of the White House. Our increased strength enabled us to do more for our communities, our nation and, most importantly, our veterans.

Our increased strength this year wouldn't have been possible without each and every Legionnaire. It was you who banged on our doors, spoke with veterans and provided service to your community, keeping The American Legion as a respected and responsible organization.

Another challenge that faced The American Legion in the year was the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget cuts, which threatened many veteran's programs. Commander Dean testified before House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs to voice our concerns in cuts to the Veterans Administration and discuss the problems of our homeless and jobless veterans. He further addressed these same concerns to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference in Washington. He also was on hand at a special ceremony in Georgia, where President Reagan signed into law H.R. 5299, an omnibus veterans health-care program.

The challenge of the VA's new mean's test and third-party reimbursement was met by Legionnaires throughout the country, when they mobilized to survey VA hospitals to help the Legion document the quality of VA medical care our veterans are receiving. It was perhaps one of our most significant undertakings since our commitment to the GI Bill of Rights in 1944.

Since the future of veteran's health care was also challenged, the Aging Veteran booklet was revised, updated and reissued and, in an unprecedented move, distributed directly to 30,000 journalists to explain The American Legion's role and to make them aware of the problems with aging veterans and the VA health care system.

While the VA provided us with some challenges, so did the threat of drug and alcohol abuse to our youth. To learn more about the problems facing our youth, Commander Dean went to the White House for a briefing on the nation's drug education program. He pledged the Legion's support to the President and the First Lady in the fight against drug and alcohol abuse.

Another, but positive, challenge to our youth in the year was The American Legion's 50th National High School Oratorical Contest. Because of the efforts of Legionnaires nationwide, more students entered the semicentennial contest than ever before to write about the U.S. Constitution, which celebrates its 200th birthday next month. Since the contest began in 1937, more than $1 million in college scholarships have been awarded to hundreds of national finalists.

Yet another challenge faced the Legion in national security — the growing crisis in Central America. Recognizing the threat that such situations anywhere in the world pose to our country, Commander Dean formed a special action and advisory group early in 1987 to coordinate the implementation of Legion policies in the areas of foreign and domestic national security.

The commander announced formation of The American Legion Policy Coordination and Action Group by emphasizing that we are in a unique position to lead public opinion and influence public policy. The American Legion has nearly seven decades of success and the force of right on its side, and the commander has guided the organization in turning our influence and, where necessary, our resources toward solutions in the areas of national security, foreign relations and Americanism.

To meet the challenge head-on, the commander twice toured Central American nations during this Legion year and lost no time in preparing the PCAG to deal with issues surrounding the region. Delegates to this 69th annual National Convention will receive a full report on the group's findings and recommendations during the sessions.

As we are poised to enter another Legion year, the momentum of the last year must carry us on to face the inevitable new challenges of the coming Legion year. The signs of strong, continued growth are obvious. The goal of three million members can be realized in the new Legion year. Let's all be up to the challenge.



Robert W. Spanogle
National Adjutant

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

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Arkansas	Lawrence E. Fisher
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Tennessee	James T. Waters
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Virginia	Emmett B. Burley
Washington	Clint Stebing
West Virginia	Jack T. Gribben
Wisconsin	Jerry A. Kautzer
Wyoming	David E. Nauman

Past National Commanders

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W.C. Daniel	Virginia
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Nat. Sgt.-At-Arms

When National Commander James P. Dean gavels the 69th National Convention to order in San Antonio The American Legion once again will set to the work of adopting resolutions which will guide the organization through the coming year.

Founded as a service group in the days following the end of World War I, The American Legion has dedicated itself to service to God and Country for 68 years. In that time, The American Legion has helped all generations of 20th Century war veterans, their families and their communities.

With this vast cross-section of Americans, The American Legion has constantly been a leader in volunteer efforts and provided an accurate barometer of attitudes and opinions at the grassroots level of America.

Totally dedicated to the highest ideals which prompted the founding of this nation, The American Legion consistently has achieved significant accomplishments through its legislative action, volunteer service and well-thought-out plans for the future of America.

In order for The American Legion to accomplish its objectives, two offices are maintained. National Headquarters is in Indianapolis, IN. Major national offices also are located in Washington, D.C.

The organization's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a term of one year. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice Commanders.

James P. Dean, of Corinth, MS, is the 1986-1987 National Commander of The American Legion. Major accomplishments of The American Legion during his term of office are presented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion.

National Commander Dean catches the spirit



Carolyn Dean pins her husband, newly elected National Commander Dean, at the close of the 68th National Convention in Cincinnati. Retiring National Commander Dale L. Renaud assists with the ceremony.



National Commander Dean met with Past National Commander and American Legion Founder Hamilton Fish during the Washington mid-winter conference.



National Commander Dean presented a major portion of The American Legion's legislative position to both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs soon after his election to the Legion's top position.



National Commander Dean presents a bound volume of the resolutions adopted at The American Legion's 1986 National Convention to President Ronald Reagan. The commander conferred with the President several times during the Legion year.



National Commander Dean held many conferences with Legion leaders during the year to discuss the Legion's position on Central America. He made three trips to that region as well.



National Commander Dean wore many hats during his leadership, including a hard hat, as he toured a new VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.



National Commander Dean and Auxiliary National President Evelyn Starr get together to make their selections for the Unity Award.

Americanism Commission



Robert S. Turner

Robert S. Turner (GA),
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director

Post level, community-oriented programs are the lifeblood of The American Legion. Where we find strong, vibrant, Legion-sponsored programs, we find energetic and flourishing Legion posts. Thousands of posts and hundreds of thousands of volunteers conduct programs of Youth Activities and Community Service that promote healthy minds, strong bodies and a stable community environment. It is your National Americanism Commission that has the responsibility for development and promotion of these programs, but it is the post that carries the programs to the community, and it is at the post level that the name of The American Legion shines brightest.

Included in this report are summations of major programs of the National Americanism Commission, programs for which you share responsibility and of which you can be justly proud. American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, the National High School Oratorical Contest, and concern for and support of the American Education system are just a few programs that continue to provide visiability — a very positive image — for the Legion both locally and nationally.

Through this past year, the Americanism Commission devoted attention to Federal legislative matters of concern to most Americans. Current mandates of the Organization that are paramount to the interests of the Commission continue to be in the areas of effective intelligence agencies, with problems created by the new immigration laws, with acts of terrorism, with the return to prayer in the Nation's classrooms, and with the restoration of patriotic holidays to their proper, traditional dates.

The Americanism Commission is charged with the supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees and one special committee. The National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee are permanent ones. The National Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is a special committee formed to develop and coordinate activities for post projects during the Bicentennial celebration.

BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American Government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the distinguished and long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

These objectives are accomplished through a unique summertime program, one that emphasizes participation and personal experience in a "model state," complete with governing bodies and elected public officials.

More than 28,000 young men participated in the program in 1987, and added their names to the role of more than one million who have attended American Legion Boys State since its inception in 1935.

Every year each Boys State selects two outstanding graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, D.C. in July of each year, it is at Boys Nation that the delegates are introduced, firsthand, to the federal city and the operation of government at the federal level.

This year, 1987, Boys Nation marked forty-one years of government training at the federal level.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Fiftieth Annual National High School Oratorical Finals were conducted on April 10, 1987, at Lee's Summit High School in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Fifty-three Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical Program. The four National Finalists were:

First Place — Maryagnes Barbieri, Milton, Massachusetts, $16,000 Scholarship

Second Place — Barbara Poepsel, Iowa City, Iowa, $14,000 Scholarship

Third Place — David Dromsky, Augusta, Georgia, $10,000 Scholarship

Fourth Place — Cherie Harder, Los Alamos, New Mexico, $8,000 Scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a $1,000 scholarship to each Regional Contest participant and an additional $1,000 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for an annual total of $109,000. To date, over $1,300,000 in scholarship awards has been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust



The four finalists in the 50th American Legion High School Oratorical Contest posed for this photograph the evening before the contest. Shown left to right are: Maryagnes Barbieri of Milton, Massachusetts, first place; David M. Dromsky of Augusta, Georgia, third place; Barbara J. Poepsel of Iowa City, Iowa, second place; and Cherie Harder of Los Alamos, New Mexico, fourth place.

Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.

In 1988, the National Oratorical Finals will be held in Denton, Texas.

SCOUTING

The American Legion's interest and support of Scouting is illustrated by the selection of Clifford W. Bishop, a 17-year-old senior from Ozark, Arkansas, as The American Legion's 1987 Scout of the Year. He was sponsored by William E. Bateman Post 63 at Ozark.

An $8,000 scholarship, payable in increments of $2,000 annually, is provided to the Scout of the Year by The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund.

BASEBALL

American Legion Baseball is culminating its 62nd Anniversary season of nationwide participation as this Convention convenes. Eight regional Champions representing nearly 4,000 teams (73,000 young men) fielded throughout the country by American Legion Posts and other sponsors are competing at Stevens Point, Wisconsin in the 1987 World Series, September 3-7.

More than half of all Major League Baseball players this season gained training and experience in The Legion's program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations through scholarships granted to them following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

FLAG EDUCATION

The National Americanism Commission continues its programs of Flag Education through our publications "Know Your America" and "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette." The American Legion, a recognized authority on Flag Etiquette for over sixty years, has attempted to provide all citizens the necessary information and knowledge to properly and appropriately display the Flag of the United States. The office of the National Americanism Commission annually answers innumerable and varied inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag Education programs for elementary school students.

The Flag Etiquette slide presentation available from National Headquarters has been enthusiastically received and is being widely used across the Nation.

SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

FIREARM SAFETY

In an effort to increase the availability of gun safety and marksmanship training in communities throughout the United States, The American Legion, through its National Americanism Commission, is offering National Rifle Association Basic Firearms Education Program courses through its network of local posts.

These courses provide the opportunity to learn the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to pursue special interests in safety, personal protection, recreational and competitive shooting and hunting.

Taught by NRA Certified Instructors, courses are offered in the following specialties: Airgun Safety, Firearms Safety, Personal Protection, Pistol Marksmanship, Rifle Marksmanship, Shotgun Shooting, Muzzleloading Pistol Marksmanship, Muzzleloading Rifle Marksmanship and Muzzleloading Shotgun Shooting.



Stimulating competition throughout the country is enjoyed annually by over 73,000 players in The American Legion Baseball program.

Committee on Education

Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX), Chairman

Since its inception in 1912, The American Legion has continuously concerned itself with the promotion of positive educational activities. A Joint Committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week observance in 1921. This Committee met annually to discuss educational issues and plans for each succeeding Education Week observance.

In 1975, the National Education Association dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations thus ending nearly 55 years of cooperative effort in establishing national emphasis and input to the Nation's educational system. For that reason, The American Legion formed the National Committee on Education in order to maintain a strong positive influence on education. As the only national committee with a voting membership of both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, it exemplifies the cooperation needed by our organizations and so vital in providing programs and activities that will have a meaningful effect on the schools.

The National Committee on Education meets twice annually and make their recommendations through the Americanism Commission.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM

The activities of the Education Program are many and varied. The National Americanism Commission through its National Committee on Education, continues to emphasize citizenship education as the foundation of the program. This past year, The American Legion supported Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS), an unprecedented collaboration between ABC and PBS Television in dealing with the problems of Adult Literacy. Posts are encouraged to assist PLUS by getting involved with programs or begin new ones to help alleviate the problems of illiterate adults.

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 15-21, 1987. The theme "We The People — Building Schools Together," emphasizes the role The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in promoting educational excellence in the public and private schools in the community. By encouraging courses for our young people designed to prepare them for the world of work and responsible citizenship, the country is strengthened and our future will be secured.

Continued participation in the National Convention of Secondary School Principals, Counselors and School Board members reaffirms that our financial source book, "Need A Lift?" is serving an important role for young people seeking funds to attend college. "Need A Lift?" and the brochure "A Guide for Parents and Students" are used as basic tools by counselors working with young people and parents in financial planning for higher education.

American Legion involvement in these and the programs of Career Education, School Awards, local Scholarships and Essay Contests are more thoroughly explained in the education handbook, PACT (Post, Auxiliary, Community Together), available through your Department Headquarters or from the National Americanism Commission.

Committee On The Bicentennial Of The United States Constitution

Robert S. Turner (GA), Chairman

The document that is the foundation for American government and guarantees individual freedom for Americans is 200 years old. September 17, 1987 marks the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Studies have shown, time and again, that most of our Nation's people know little or nothing of the Constitution, or that their rights as expressed in the first ten amendments are the written guarantee for personal freedoms. Many fail to realize the importance of the Constitution to their daily existence. Few really understand it. The Legion's Committee on the Bicentennial is working to change that, and several projects have been developed for community activities by Posts of The American Legion.

Some of the projects have been developed to educate our Nation's young people about the Constitution while other projects serve simply to draw attention to the document. A script for a play, *The Constitution: Little Short of Miracle,* authored by Legionnaire George Blume (VA) was written by authority of the Committee and mailed to all high schools in the Nation. An American Legion Bicentennial coloring book, for elementary students, has been widely distributed also.

For all the Bicentennial projects of The American Legion, the President's Commission on the Bicentennial has granted official recognition. This means that the federal Commission has recognized our Bicentennial program to be of exceptional merit with national significance, and substantial educational and historical value.

We hope your Post and your Department will join with the National Committee on the Bicentennial by hosting a special event to commemorate the "Birthday of the Constitution." If The American Legion is to leave its mark on this very special occasion, we couldn't do it in finer fashion than by having each and every Post promote the Bicentennial Celebration.

Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V Lindquist (MN), Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN), Director



Eugene V. Linquist

A recent national study revealed that 75% of the adult population in America believe that the problems facing today's children and youth are more severe than when they were growing up. This finding cannot be considered front page material when you realize that some of the most frightening statistics from Americans today affect our young people:

•One out of every four children will become a problem drinker in high school.

•Thirty-four percent of high school seniors regularly abuse drugs.

•Drunk driving is the biggest killer of young people ages 15 to 24.

•Four out of every ten girls will become pregnant before they leave their teens.

•An American teenager commits suicide nearly every ninety minutes.

We have serious problems confronting our youth in America today. As volunteers concerned about children and youth you must rededicate yourself and make a new commitment. There is no greater threat to the well-being of our youth than the potential devastation possible through the apathy of you and I as adults. We can do something to help, and we must!

During the past four years your National Commission on Children & Youth has focused in on three major problems: Drug Abuse, Missing Children and Teenage Suicide. At our Spring meetings in Indianapolis, held in May this past year, we approved for the first time in our history a Five Year Program. This program will concentrate on the three major areas mentioned above in effort to make our efforts the very best they can be. The professional quality of all our material and subject expertise will help to make us a national leader in these areas.

Our current list of brochures addressing these problems have all been redesigned for clarity, current knowledge, and ease of understanding. We feel that any elementary age student can easily comprehend our material. Even if they don't understand all the words, the artwork we have chosen certainly helps to build positive word pictures in the mind of each child.

DRUG ABUSE

For this area we have developed three brochures. *Children & Youth on The Rocks* (alcohol abuse); *Marijuana* and *Cocaine*. Can you think of any other factor more frightening to parents than the possibility that their child might be hooked on an addictive drug. One that causes them to commit acts of violence to help them support their habit. One that may mess up their mind to the point that they will never recover. Can we help? YES! It doesn't always work to say "do as I say, not as I do". We as adults must strive to be adequate role models for our youth. If we do nothing else, we must give them

Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

F. Rodney Loper (PA), Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its establishment by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in November 1950 continues to keep a close watch on activities of certain organizations and individuals who threaten our form of government and reports this information in the monthly publication, *Firing Line*.

The Committee is very concerned about the rapid growth and increase in espionage during the past year that has compromised the security of the United States both at home and abroad.

According to a recent Congressional study by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the United States has sustained immense damage to its national security and continues to face a serious threat. The report said that hostile intelligence operations had done more damage to U.S. security than previously disclosed. Espionage cases over the past several years have involved billions of dollars of actual and potential damage to U.S. military programs. It also added that Soviet acquisition of sensitive technology had reduced the West's technological edge from 10 years to 5. According to the Chairman of the Select Committee — "The Soviet Union and other countries devote many billions of dollars to their efforts to spy on us and they get billions of dollars in benefits in return for their efforts."

all the information we can about harmful and illegal drugs and hopefully encourage them to make responsible decisions about their use of drugs.

TEENAGE SUICIDE

Our brochure entitled *Warning Signs* has been one of the hottest brochures we have ever stocked. Parents, teachers, ministers, youth leaders and other concerned adults are shocked by the increase in teenage suicides. Why are young people making a permanent situation to often a temporary problem? How can I know if someone is thinking about killing themselves? We don't have all the answers, but we feel our brochure about this topic is one of the best in the nation. In very simple to read and understand language, our youth can learn about the problem and what to do if they suspect a friend is thinking about suicide. The teenage suicide rate is increasing every day. Can we let one more die without knowing the warning signs?

MISSING CHILDREN

Our newest brochure is called *Children Beware*. For years we thought the best approach was to tell adults about the problem and hopefully they in-turn would share this information with the local schools and other youth serving agencies. This theory just did not work! This was the very first brochure that we ever designed *Just For Kids*. Now we hope that our volunteers will order these materials and see that they are handed out to the youth. Once our youth have them they can quickly absorb the material in less than five minutes. Like any copy for youth, or even for adults, the less copy and more pictures you have the better chance you have that all the material you have assembled will be read.

We are excited about the future of the National Program we have designed. It will take the cooperation of all our volunteers in the Legion, Auxiliary and Eight and Forty. Men and women dedicated to helping the youth of this nation. We have the potential to be a powerful force for good. Won't you help us in this effort? Please write to me today at the National Headquarters address and let us know how we can help you succeed for all the Children & Youth we serve together.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

U.S. (Udie) Grant (KS),
President

Paul R. Frinsthal (IL),
Executive Secretary

For the 1986-87 year, the following grants were awarded: $72,500 to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters (IN); $22,500 to Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America, Inc., (MD); $18,000 to Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation (CT); $7,000 to Genoa Youth Center, (NE); $18,000 to Guardians of Hydrocephalus Research Foundation (NY); $25,000 to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (NY); $2,000 to Kansas Eduational Endowment Program (KS); $7,500 to Parents Anonymous (MT); $21,500 to Variety Pre-Schooler's Workshop (NY); and $17,000 to Voices For The Blind (ME).

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was created in 1954 for the following purposes: to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and well-established organizations and/or their programs, to the end that such information will specifically benefit youth and, in general, be more adequately used by society.

This Foundation is your foundation. Our primary source of income is derived from the voluntary contributions of Legion, Auxiliary and Eight and Forty members. In order for our Board of Directors to continue to make grants, like those listed above, we must have your continued support. Each contribution is tax-deductible and best of all 100% of your contribution goes for projects designed to help children.

Special thanks to an outstanding group of volunteers we affectionately refer to as RAT's (Regional Action Teams). Without their assistance many grants would still be waiting for funding.

Distinguished Guests

Maurice E. Druhl (OR),
Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the National Convention Commission and is directed to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of those persons invited to attend the National Convention as distinguished guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements for their arrival and departure and also provides such services to the various events which the guest wishes to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all involved in this service. Special requests are honored when possible.

The Distinguished Guests Committee normally operates out of the Legion Headquarters hotel. The facility is the nerve center for all of the Committee's operations and is maintained as a convenience and central locator for all distinguished guests.

The overall success of this operation depends almost entirely upon Legionnaires from the Convention city and Department. They provide experienced leadership and knowledge to conduct the activities of the committee throughout the Convention.

Special emphasis is placed upon the ability of local aides, drivers and others to help make our guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the Convention city.

Convention Commission

Wendell G. Williams (WI), Chairman

Robert P. Radke (OH), Director



Wendell G. Williams

Cincinnati, Ohio, site of the 68th National Convention, lived up to its reputation as the "Queen City". Over 15,000 Legionnaires and family members were in attendance. All agreed that it was a successful Convention and would like to return to Cincinnati in the near future.

This particular Convention turned out to be a proving ground for future Conventions in several areas. An elaborate and costly shuttle bus service was put in place to accommodate the 28 Departments that had to be housed outside the city limits. After a few wrinkles were ironed out, the service worked quite well and was used frequently by our delegates. Future Convention cities will have to utilize shuttle service and valuable knowledge was learned from the Cincinnati operation that will help in these cities.

A second area was the commemorative stein sales and distribution program. The local Convention Corporation had to develop a complete program and then implement the program using local volunteers. This had never been done before. Here, too, we experienced some initial difficulties with manufacturing and distribution but eventually solutions were found and the program proved quite successful. Future commemorative stein programs will be handled through the National Emblem Sales Division in cooperation with the local Convention Corporation and the National Convention Commission.

Another first for this Convention was The American Legion Festival. This event was planned and coordinated by the National Public Relations Division and proved to be one of the highlights of the Convention. In fact, it was so successful that another Festival has been approved and will be presented in San Antonio this year.

One of the major responsibilities of the Convention Commission is to make site inspections of cities who have indicated an interest in hosting future Conventions. The Commission then makes a recommendation to the National Executive Committee to award a tentative bid to a city based on the site inspection along with other factors. Bids are awarded five years in advance. This helps bidding cities to prepare for our Convention by being able to better work with hotels and Convention Centers for the best possible rates for our delegates. In addition, it allows time for the local Convention Corporation to be properly set up and staffed to insure the best possible Convention for the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, 8 et 40 and families in attendance.

The dates and locations for future Conventions are:

1988 — Louisville, Ky — Aug. 21-28
1989 — Baltimore, MD — Sept. 2-8
1990 — Indianapolis, IN — Aug. 24-30
1991 — Phoenix, AZ — Aug. 30-Sept. 5
1992 — To Be Determined

Other cities that have indicated interest in hosting future Conventions are: Denver, CO; Salt Lake City, UT; Chicago, IL; Minneapolis, MN; Portland, OR and Detroit, MI.

We will again conduct two uniformed group contests in San Antonio. The Senior Color Guard competition will be held near the Market Square entrance to the Convention Center. The Senior Band Concert competition will be across the street from the Convention Center in the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. Both events will be held on Saturday morning, August 22. The 1986 defending champions are:

Senior Band — American Legion Band of The Tonawandas Post 264

Senior Color Guard — (Co-champions), Cheverly Troopers Senior Color Buard, Springfield Rifles Senior Color Guard

The 1987 National Convention will offer something for everyone in attendance. The Memorial Service and Parade will be on Sunday. The Festival at La Villita on Monday will be a real family event and promises to be bigger and better than last year.

The City of San Antonio is eager to have our Convention. Whether you're strolling along the famed Riverwalk or visiting a Mission or revisiting one of the nearby five military bases, you're sure to enjoy this great Convention City and area. The people are friendly and proud of their involvement with the military. It is the sincere hope of the entire Convention Commission that you have a memorable 1987 National Convention.

3,000,000

...in 1987

Internal Affairs Commission

Herman G. Harrington (NY), Chairman

Raymond C. Patterson (IA), Director



Herman G. Harrington

The Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other National Commissions or Committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The only authority that can amend the National Constitution and By-Laws is accomplished by action of a National Convention. A standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws does, however, review and make recommendations of all proposed amendments.

TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniform group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1987 Spring Meetings, the committee approved the nominations of May Jane Noreillie (Belgium), James Hector DeLisle Neilson (Australia), and Luis Gonzales Villa-Real (Philippines) for the International Amity Award.

For the Canadian Friendship Award, the committee approved the nominations of Fredrick T. Appleby, Tom Reynolds, Harold George Bowles and James E. Buffam.

The committee also submitted to the NEC and received approval for Resolution Number 389, for the purpose of changing the "Manual of Ceremonies" to add thereto a guide and ceremony to drape the Post Charter. This addition is to be included in the next revised "Post Officer's Guide".

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention.

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion met May 2, 1987 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The NEC approved two resolutions: (1) to present Detachment membership awards to each of the five areas; (2) to change the SAL Executive Committee meeting schedule to a two-day session.

Membership in the Sons of The American Legion has grown to 76,914 as of May 6, 1987. The program of the Sons of The American Legion continues its strong emphasis on education of its membership and the devotion of its squadrons to rehabilitation services for veterans in VA facilities. It remains a healthy, vibrant program experiencing continued growth and support from Posts throughout The American Legion organization.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Last year, over 52% of The American Legion Posts filed a Consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters. The 1985-86 year exemplifies the valuable and invaluable assistance provided to all levels of America: Cash aid given to veterans — $1,074,595; Contributions to the VA Volunteer Service Program — $1,254,023; along with 1,008,911 volunteer hours of service; donated $6,704,825 to athletic teams; sponsored 53,043 Boy Scouts at a cost of $848,616; awarded 4,104 scholarships valued at $1,228,183; donated 1,708,908 hours and spent $4,868,472 performing community service work; gave 372,321 pints of blood and contributed millions of dollars to programs helping children and veterans.

For The American Legion, the greatest duty is its service to its veterans. Again, we have honorably and proudly met our obligations.

PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE

The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life Program started 12 years ago as a

convenience to our members. Since its inception, and as of May 5, 1987, nearly 43,430 members have entered the National Program.

This method of membership is the best way to ensure that one is always a paid-up continuous member. This is the most positive way one can show support for The American Legion and its programs.

DIRECT RENEWAL

One of the measures The American Legion uses to judge the success of the various programs is through the continuing strength of its membership. Instrumental to the retention of members in the organization is the Direct Renewal Program, which is the use of a direct mail method that invites members to renew. This organized, uniform, and simple method has been a very successful and effective approach and is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal letter about July or August 1, depending on your Department. Second, third, and fourth letters are mailed to unpaid members about November 1, January 4, and March 7, respectively.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The ninth annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September/October at eight regional sites around the United States. See the full page promotion elsewhere in this program for complete details on each workshop.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters were covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the 30,000+ other members who have attended past workshops. Be a Winner! Get Involved!

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION

Research studies have shown that many veterans would consider joining The American Legion, but they have never been asked. In an attempt to reach as many of these veterans as possible, we are soliciting new members through the mail. This new and exciting membership program is called Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS).

DMS has proven successful, having acquired over 425,000 new members for The American Legion since its inception. Fifty-two (52) Departments now participate in the DMS programs.

DMS will support The American Legion's drive for 3,000,000 plus members. Also being tested in the 1988 membership year is Television Direct Response advertising as well as Direct Response Magazine advertising.

FAMILY BENEFITS PLAN

The American Legion Family Benefits Plan was created to assist in the acquisition and retention of members while increasing the real and perceived value of every Legionnaire's card. Corporate sponsors of this plan offer a variety of discounts on hotel lodging, motor club membership, car rentals, and recreation parks.

At this time, discounts and services are being offered by the following companies: Allstate Motor Club, American Red Ball, Atlas Van Lines, Avis, Days Inn, La Quinta, Marriott, National Car Rental, Ramada, Sea World, Rodeway, Thrifty and United Van Lines.

Renewal agreements are being finalized at this time and preparation for new promotional materials are under way. A marketing strategy for the 1988 plan is in the final stages of executive review. It will be implemented upon its approval.

Efforts continue to seek potential new corporate sponsors in a greater variety of choices. Negotiations with existing corporate sponsors are ongoing to expand benefits and increase participation by our members.

Membership and Post Activities Committee

Miles S. Epling (WV),
Chairman

James M. Lindsey (MI),
Director



Miles S. Epling

The 1987 membership year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite evident, with our growing membership, that veterans are concerned with the VA budget cuts and the effects of the Gramm-Rudman Act.

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH SOARS

Total official membership,

1986 2,705,697
1986 membership as of
May 14, 1986 2,512,311
1987 membership as of
May 14, 1987 2,763,682

ELIGIBILITY DATES REMAINED CONSTANT IN 1986-87

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas, where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975). A Special Study Committee was formed to research validity of changing the eligibility dates. Once their report was filed and presented to the National Executive Committee, it was voted not to change the eligibility requirements.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Two National Membership Workshops were held this year in preparation for the 1988 membership year. The workshops were held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, July 23, 24, and July 30, 31. The goal of the National Membership Workshop was to achieve a greater participation by individual Legionnaires in examining the membership objective of The American Legion. Workshop participants left National Headquarters motivated and prepared to begin another successful membership year.

We are again looking forward to our eight National Leadership Workshops during which we will take our Membership Workshop to the field.

NEW POSTS

Posts Chartered — May 1, 1986 to May 1, 1987
Number of Posts as of
May 1, 1986 15,577
Number of Posts cancelled as of
May 1, 1987 114
Number of Posts chartered as of
May 1, 1987 86
Total Number of Posts as of
May 1, 1987 15,544

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership Division has put together a Strategic Planning Data Form for field personnel use. This form contains data from Departments to be used when formulating a strategic membership plan tailored to a particular Department. The information will help target areas in which assistance is needed.

1988 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 15-16, 1987, the Committee formulated the promotion plan for the 1988 National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1988 to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

The M & PA staff has prepared a detailed Awards Manual for 1988 and promotional brochures describing Individual, Post, District and Department Awards that can be earned for membership performance.

NATIONAL THEMES FOR 1988

During the M & PA annual planning session, the Committee re-adopted the national theme of "Get Involved! We're Winning!" as Posts, Districts and Departments begin their 1988 Membership Campaign.

It was the consensus of the Committee that this is probably the most dynamic theme the Committee has adopted in several years. The theme continues the call for action in a positive effort and is directed at our own members, eligible non-members and the general public as well.

Several promotional items have been developed around this new theme including posters, countertop displays, brochures, bumperstickers, decals and buttons.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This year, target points and $25 Gift Certificates were awarded to each Department equalling or surpassing their assigned target date goals. The points are accumulated and determine winners of the National Commander's Team Plaque. Gift Certificates are accumulated and one for each Department Commander and Department Membership Chairman will be awarded.

EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Thirty-one Departments qualified for Early Bird target points and gift certificates. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Panama Canal, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

MIDWAY TO SUCCESS

Twenty Departments qualified. They are: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

VETERANS DAY AWARDS

The nineteen Departments to qualify were: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

"BIG TWELVE" TARGET

Twenty Departments qualified. They are: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION WINNERS

Category I — Minnesota and Indiana;
Category II — Wisconsin and Florida;

Category III — Kansas and Nebraska;
Category IV — Arkansas and North Dakota;
Category V — South Carolina and Alabama;
Category VI — Delaware and Rhode Island.

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY TARGET

No Department qualified.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKER'S AWARDS

A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more NEW members by District Competition Target Date, May 1, 1987, will qualify for enrollment in the elite GOLD BRIGADE of The American Legion. A total of 110 recruiters have been certified as of May 1, 1987. The combined number of new members recruited by Gold Brigade winners totals approximately 6,959 as of May 1, 1987.

POST HONOR RIBBONS

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 2,579 Posts whose 1987 membership as of December 31, 1986, exceeds 1986 membership.

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

These certificates were awarded to 593 Posts for attaining a new All-Time High membership for 1987 by December 31, 1986.

TOP DISTRICT COMMANDER COMPETITION

Twenty (20) District Commanders received a walnut based American Legion Desk Clock and Pen set with engraved brass plate: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. These District Commanders received this award for attaining the highest percentage of increase over the District's 1986 total membership by The American Legion Birthday.

DEPARTMENT "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

Each American Legion Post had the opportunity to submit the name of the Recruiter who signed up the highest number of New Members for that Post for the 1987 membership year by The American Legion Birthday, March 17, 1987. Department Adjutants determined the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Departments and certified the winner to National Headquarters.

The Top New Member Recruiter, properly certified from each Department, will be awarded a State Outline Trophy with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon. As of May 1, 1987, thirty-four (34) Departments certified a "Top New Member Recruiter".

NATIONAL "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

The individual certified with the highest number of New Members recruited from among all the Departments is declared "National Recruiter of the Year". For 1987, that person is William Wesley, Department of California. Mr. Wesley recruited 441 new members, and he is thereby awarded an expense paid trip to the 1987 National Convention in San Antonio, Texas, a reserved seating ticket to the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests, and a seven-day Caribbean Cruise for him and his spouse.

In addition to the National winner, the next 26 highest winners were awarded prizes (normally, there are 25 additional winners; however, as the result of a tie, there will be 26 for 1987). The winners and the number of new members recruited are: Burnice E. Sullivan (MS), 266; Joseph V. Stewart (MN), 221; Doss Butler (TX), 220; Thomas W. Graves (TN), 206; Frank J. Trautman (OH), 188; Tipton V. Forrest (MO), 187; Roy Palmer (FL), 184; William T. Rhodes (PA), 122; Roger Clevinger (VA), 121; Juan H. Cintron (PR), 117; James Benoit (LA), 116; Paul Harbaugh (WA), 111; Oscar Smith (AL), 106; William F. Johnson (WV), 97; Ernest J. Thibodeau (ME); 89; Stanley Forman (AZ), 85; Richard J. Santos (MD), 81; Edward J. Lukowski (IN), 80; Robert E. Stewart (KY), 79; Pearline V. Sorrels (AR), 77; James T. Lauderdale (OK), 76; Angelo Patane (NY), 75; Joseph S. Erazmus (IL), 72; Robert O. Olsen (NE), 70; Edward A. Fleming (KS), 67, and M.F. Dawson (IA), 67.

DISTRICT COMMANDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND DISTRICT HONOR RIBBON

One hundred-twenty one Achievement Award Plaques and Honor Ribbons were sent to those Districts whose 1987 District Membership as of May 1, 1987 exceeded the 1986 membership by at least one per Post.

"DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR" COMPETITION

Competition was divided into five categories based upon the District membership as of May 1, 1987. Winners are the District Commanders in each category whose District membership on May 1, 1987 represents the greatest percentage over the final 1986 membership of that District. There is a first, second and third place winner within each category.
Category I — Districts of 15 to 1,499 members for 1986
Category II — Districts of 1,500 to 2,999 members for 1986
Category III — Districts of 3,000 to 4,999 members for 1986
Category IV — Districts of 5,000 to 7,499 members for 1986
Category V — Districts of 7,500 and above members for 1986

FIRST PLACE AWARDS

Expense paid trip to the 1987 National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Includes reserved seating ticket to National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests, and a plaque declaring them as "District Commander of the Year". Winners: CATEGORY I — Lionel H. Emanuel, District 10, Puerto Rico, CATEGORY II — Keith F. Work, District 5, Texas, CATEGORY III — John H. Ruppert, District 20, Texas, CATEGORY IV — Angelo V. Mesi, District 12, Ohio, CATEGORY V — Roger W. Haley,

District 13, Florida.

SECOND PLACE AWARDS

$150 Gift Certificate. Winners: CATEGORY I — Henry L. Young, District 18, South Carolina, CATEGORY II — Paul J. Hatem, District 10, Virginia, CATEGORY III — Anthony Richardson, District 6, Florida, CATEGORY IV — Glenn Wilson, District 2, Kansas, CATEGORY V — William Preston, Jr., Northern Central District, Maryland.

THIRD PLACE AWARDS

$75 Gift Certificate. Winners: CATEGORY I — Nolan Vickery, District 3, New Mexico, CATEGORY II — Richard E. King, District 17, Missouri, CATEGORY III — Russell Siebold, District 7, Florida, CATEGORY IV — Herb Bolvin, District 11, Arizona, CATEGORY V — Charles Lenz, Jr., District 2, Wisconsin.

DISTRICT COMPETITION TARGET

Florida is the only Department to reach this target.

Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN),
Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities:

1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office, and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Purchasing, Graphic Arts, General Supply . . . stock, receiving, and shipping; Library, Archives, E.A. Blackmore Museum; Printing and Communications; building maintenance; Cafeteria; Personnel Division, Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provide all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is currently responsible for the following programs:

Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of Data Base and reporting system.

Updating of *The American Legion Magazine,* SAL, Firing Line, Advance, Commanders and Adjutants file, Legislative Bulletin, and ALNS mailing lists, and printing of labels and renewal notices. Maintenance of the mailing lists for The American Legion Extension Institute, ACT, and the Veterans Economic Guardian.

Direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The printing of membership cards and registers, Department accounting reports, satistical information, Post questionnaire reports and "Welcome Back" notices.

The printing of Department paper mailing labels.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports (mini-computer in Emblem Sales).

Audit control and circulation analysis report for *The American Legion Magazine.*

Inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

General ledger financial reports.

Accounts receivable.

Accounts payable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

Direct mail solicitation program.

National Commission and Committee list.

Post Office carrier route discount processing on all Department labels and Direct Billing.

The American Legion Life Insurance And Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO),
Chairman

G. Paul Dunn (OK),
Assistant Director,
Membership Services

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, now in its 29th year, was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C. on February 22, 1958. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission and reports through the Commission to the National Executive Committee. The Insurance Plan is administered by the Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., located in Chicago, Illinois.

The Committee has met two times in the past year and reports that the Plan continues to experience premium growth. The American Legion has recognized a need for keeping pace with the nation's economy. Consequently, the Committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under the Plan. The most recent action was taken effective January 1, 1987, when the maximum number of available units was increased from

twelve (12) to fourteen (14). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of $144,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to $161,000 in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution to grant a 15 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1987. This is the 18th time in the 29 year history in which an increase of this nature has been made. Example: The $140,000 policy becomes $161,000 and a $10,000 benefit is worth $11,500. The cost per unit has never increased. It remains only $24.00 a year.

The Plan is underwritten by TransAmerica Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust supports the National Oratorical Contests and The American Legion Baseball Program. The expenditures for 1987 include $483,842, for the Baseball Program, and the Awards for Oratorical Contests are as follows: $16,000 for 1st Place; $14,000 for 2nd Place; $10,000 for 3rd Place; and $8,000 for 4th Place. In addition, each of our Department winners attending the regional contest receives a $1,000 scholarship award. The total amount set aside for the 1987 Oratorical Budget was $196,200. The Junior Uniformed Groups participating in the National Convention has $20,000 set aside for their related expenses and $121,373 set aside for the Boy's Nation Program. A $2,000 Scholarship Award for the Boy Scout of the Year was granted for 1987. The award is granted for up to four years and not to exceed $8,000. Finally, $30,000 was granted to support the Department Service Officer Training Program in 1987. These requests for grants of money are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the Finance Commission, and National Executive Committee.

Over the past 29 years, more than 30,000 death claims have been paid, totaling over $59,000,000 in benefits. During 1986, 1,373,352 Legionnaires who have been members of The American Legion from 2 to 20 years received a brochure mailing informing them of this benefit of membership and given an application to file if desired. In addition, over 56,091 Legionnaires enrolled in the Insurance Plan received a computer letter with an application reminding them that the Plan provides additional units, should they wish to increase their present coverage. Also, approximately 316,000 new members are being informed of this program. During calendar year 1987, approximately $362,000 will have been spent for advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

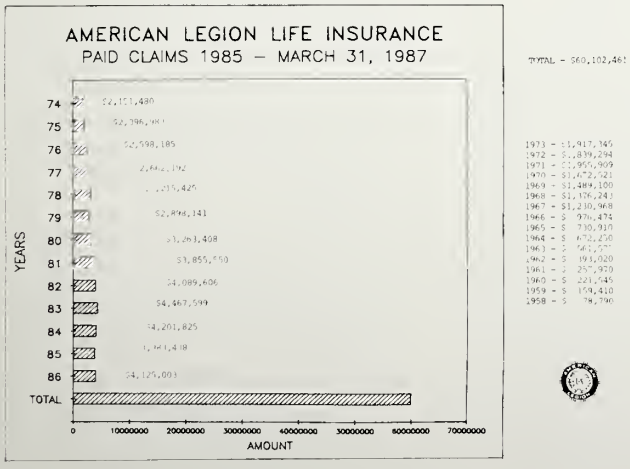
Each year, on or about October 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when renewing their coverage for the next calendar year.

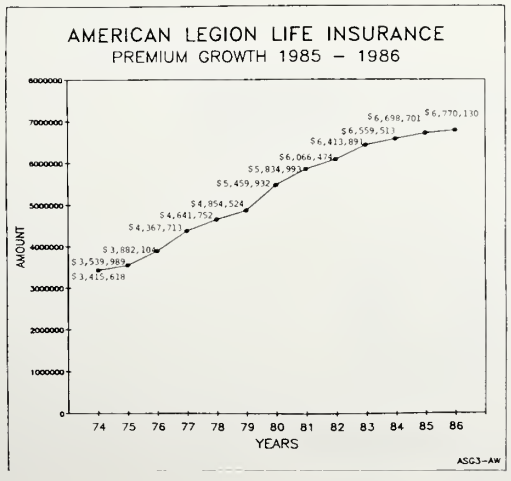
For further information, write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., 123 North Wacker Drive, 17th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, or call 1-312-701-4200.

MAJOR BENEFIT EXPANSION

In May 1986, National Commander Dale Renaud (IA) authorized a Special Ad Hoc Committee to "study the feasibility of expanding the Insurance Program". The Special Ad Hoc Committee comprised of selected members of the National Finance Commission, Life Insurance and Trust Committee and National Staff, met on August 11-12 to review and discuss proposals from several life insurance companies. The Committee prepared a report and resolution for review and action by the Life Insurance and Trust Committee, National Finance Commission and the National Executive Committee at the October meeting of the N.E.C. We are happy to report that Resolution No. 1 — "Expansion of The American Legion Life Insurance Program" was approved by the National Executive Committee on October 8, 1986.

As a result, two (2) new Life Insurance Plans will be offered in 1987. Below is a brief description of the plans.





PLAN I

American Legion Life Very Exceptional Team — a custom-designed term policy with **level benefits** and **level premiums**. The premium is the same for all who enroll; however, the benefit depends on your age at the time you enroll. Acceptance is subject to the Underwriters approval and is available all year to younger Legionnaires and their spouses. The Plan offers up to 4 units of coverage and includes a unique **Return of Premium** feature.

PLAN II

American Legion Life Guaranteed Issue — a custom-designed whole life policy with **cash and loan values**. This plan also offers **level premium** and level **benefits**. The plan is available to more mature Legionnaires and their spouses during limited enrollments and is issued on a Standard or Modified basis, depending on answers to health questions on the application. You cannot be turned down for this plan!

A Child Rider is also available with both plans!

For more information on ALL VET and ALL GI, call 1-800-523-5758 or write Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co., Union Fidelity Office Square, Trevose, PA 19049 after September 1, 1987.

The Life Insurance and Trust Committee on behalf of the National Organization is proud to make these two new dynamic insurance plans available to our fellow members.

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...in 1987

Public Relations Commission

Douglas W. Henley (MD), Chairman

Hubert R. Dagley, II (IN), Director



Douglas W. Henley

The National Public Relations Commission coordinates all activities and programs designed to publicize the work of The American Legion. As the new chairman of this Commission I quickly learned this is a true daily challenge. This Commission has achieved key objectives and the projects in progress point to even greater success in the coming Legion year.

Continued support of the Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee coupled with participation on the newly formed Policy Coordination and Action Group required the creative use of all the tools of the Public Relations profession.

The VPCC works to formulate plans for communicating The American Legion's stance on current challenges to the system of benefits for veterans. Through its support, the Public Relations Commission saw the updating and reissue of the very successful "Aging Veteran" booklet. This publication detailed the economic impact of VA medical facilities in each state. The booklet was widely distributed to each state's lawmakers and policy decision makers at home and in the nation's capitol. This distribution was coupled with inserting a national version of the publication into the journalism trade publication "Editor and Publisher," which delivered 30,000 copies directly to major news operations throughout the nation. A significant increase in exposure was noted following this 1987 effort. At least one Department told of state legislative success on veterans issues attributable to the "Aging Veteran" booklet.

Two special slide presentations were developed to assist Service Officers of The American Legion. One, on the role of the Service Officer, was produced to help emphasize their importance in serving fellow veterans. The other, "What To Do Before A Veteran Dies," details the planning veterans must do to assure their survivors receive the benefits they are entitled to, with a minimum of delay.

Additionally, a new television public service announcement, urging veterans to contact a Legion Service Officer for assistance, has been completed and will be released to selected stations nation-wide at the conclusion of the San Antonio Convention.

As Public Relations Commission Chairman I represent the commission on the Policy Coordination and Action Group, formed to evaluate policy of The American Legion as it relates to internal and external threats to national security. The Group recommends appropriate actions to various

commissions concerned with these threats. Several communications initiatives concerning Central America have been undertaken in support of the PCAG and in cooperation with the National Security Commission.

The billboard program continued this Legion year with a design on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The American Legion is actively involved with the Commission on the Bicentennial, helping this nation remember the historical significance of our Constitution.

The Public Relations Commission once again managed the organization's float entry in the "Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade." With the sports focus on the headquarters city this year because of the Tenth Pan American Games, the Legion's float tied elements of our Preamble to the purpose of the international sports competition.

The Public Relations Commission worked with the Convention Commission in Cincinnati to conduct the first National Convention Festival. The festival was a success and this year's Festival should be even better. The Convention Festival features entertainment, food and beverage service at reasonable cost, and fun and festivities that combine for a relaxing and enjoyable time in the National Convention city.

Developing computer technology gives the Commission increased flexibility in delivery of information on the organization to news operations around the nation. This new technology was used for special events, such as the achievement of a 30-year membership high, and also adapted to manage mailings of the American Legion News Service and broadcast public service announcements.

During this Legion year a cooperative effort between the Children & Youth, Americanism and Public Relations Commissions provided a television public service announcement compatible with the nation's "Just Say No To Drugs," theme. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett served as narrator for that announcement and appeared with two Legion youth champions: Jennifer Demmon, the 1986 National High School Oratorical Contest winner, and Greg Orman, 1986 Boys Nation vice president. Bennett also received the National Commander's 1987 Public Relations Award for his continued efforts to improve education in the nation's schools.

The Commission also achieved notable success with renewed media relations efforts. Extensive national coverage of the Washington Conference in February is just one example of the successful efforts to position The American Legion as a viable resource of valuable information for members of the news media.

The Commission continued to provide timely and effective support for the National Commander and other Legion officers as they spoke before a variety of Legion and civic groups. Suggested speeches for patriotic holidays and other special days, along with special holiday artwork and cooperative advertisements, continue to be made available to all posts (and members who ask) through the American Legion News Service.

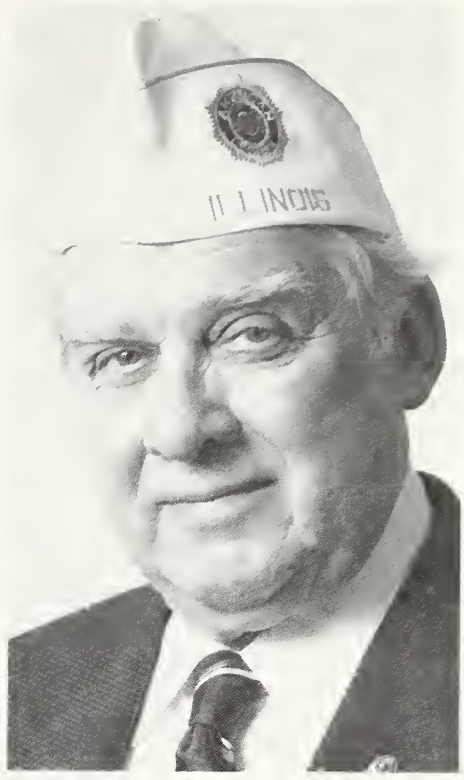
I extend sincere thanks from the Public Relations Commission to all national officers, members of the National Executive Committee and the many commissions, committees and their staff divisions for seeking our participation in their program efforts. This outstanding cooperation has made my first year as Chairman a true delight. I look with anticipation to even more challenges for the Public Relations Commission in the coming year.

Finance Commission

George W. Boucek (IL),
Chairman

Webber LaGrange (IN),
National Treasurer

Paul M. Allen (MN),
Director



George W. Boucek

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee, the handling of funds under that budget, and the exercise of reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is composed of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Director of our Washington and Indianapolis offices and the Finance Director, as well as our Liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The National Organization had an operating surplus of $1,993,589 for the year 1986. In 1986, we received $5.50 dues per member, which is allocated as follows: $2.75 to the General Fund; $2.50 to The American Legion Magazine; and $.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales, contributions, and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the Reports of Committees and Trusts which come under the jurisdiction of this Commission, which reports can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

American Legion Emblem Committee

American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

Condensed Report On National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL),
Chairman

Alfred L. Lankenau (IN),
General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1986 and for the first three months of 1987.

January 1, to December 31, 1986
(12 months)

Gross Sales	$5,251,737
Cost of Goods Sold	2,967,575
Overhead	1,509,046
Operating Profit	775,116

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1986 was 16,563.)

January 1, to March 31, 1987
(3 months)

Gross Sales	$1,509,868
Cost of Goods Sold	929,987
Overhead	359,706
Operating Profit	220,175

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1987 was 14,550.)

National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Wm. F. Lenker (SD),
Chairman

R. E. Lyngh (CO),
Director



William F. Lenker

The most significant occurrence in the field of veterans benefits during the past year has been enactment of the Means Test, and Third Party Reimbursement. These measures were included in Public Law 99-272, the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1985 (approved by the President in 1986). The Means Test has been in effect since last July 1, and Third Party Reimbursement since October 1 of last year.

For those Legionnaires unfamiliar with these terms, Means Tests refers to the requirement that except for certain categories (including the service disabled, former POWs, Agent Orange victims, World War I vets, etc.), veterans seeking care from VA for nonservice-connected conditions are required to complete an income questionnaire. If the veteran's income is above certain limits, he/she is required to agree to pay a deductible and a co-payment for care provided by VA. Third Party Reimbursement means that a nonservice-connected veteran who has private health insurance must authorize VA to collect any benefits payable under that policy.

The American Legion was the only one of the major veterans organizations to oppose enactment of these measures. Some veterans may still wonder why the Legion stood alone in opposition. The basic reason is that it is a matter of principle.

The American Legion will not agree with any proposal that requires a veteran to pay money to receive a benefit earned through honorable service in the Armed Forces. The Legion does not believe that was intended when the VA health care program was established. Also, the Legion stated when the legislation was being considered, that it believed the great majority of applicants for VA care were either the service disabled or the medically indigent, and that the Means Test would simply create a great amount of useless paper work and unnecessary harassment of the veteran. Experience to date has proven the Legion's assessment to be correct. More than 94% of veterans applying for care have been either service disabled or medically indigent. Not more than 2.5% of the veterans

applying for care have had sufficient resources to be required to pay the deductible and the co-payment.

But the Means Test and Third Party Reimbursement have done something else The American Legion considers to be more ominous. These measures have in fact changed the VA health care program from a benefit program to a cost-sharing program — the cost-sharing stemming from the deductible and the premiums on the veteran's private health insurance. This makes the VA program similar to Medicare and Medicaid. And this fact provides an argument to be used by the opponents of the VA health care program (these opponents include several powerful groups) that the VA program should be incorporated into the already existing Medicare program. In other words these measures make the VA program more difficult to defend as a program to be operated exclusively for veterans.

Of the present 28 million veteran population, statistics show that approximately 3 million use the VA system. The overwhelming majority of these are the service disabled and the medically indigent. (All other veterans provide for their own health care, as they always have). And the Legion believes these veterans are those to whom the nation has a direct obligation to provide health care.

Since the Means Test and Third Party Reimbursement were enacted, the Legion has begun to develop statistics on whom it affects and how it is being implemented. It will continue to do this, and the information acquired will be presented to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Congress. It is the Legion's hope that ultimately the data it is accummulating will demonstrate the Means Test and Third Party Reimbursement are accomplishing nothing and should be discontinued. In the meantime American Legion Service Officers are assisting veterans to comply with the law.



A.V. (Bubba) Akin (GA), on the left, accepts the Department Service Officers Association Distinguished Service Award as outgoing President of the Association, from John Cryan (IL) who was elected this year's DSOA President.

Economic Commission

Bruce Thiesen (CA), Chairman

Dennis K. Rhoades (CA), Director

Over the past year, the Economic Commission has been urgently concerned with various aspects of the Administration's policy of removing the Federal government from participation in many traditional Federal programs, particularly those affecting veterans and their economic interests. Several of these Administration-supported initiatives to suspend or end established economic programs and activities, while not exclusively for veterans, vitally affected many veterans.



Bruce Thiesen

The proposal of the Department of Labor to "devolve" or transfer employment programs to the states was vigorously opposed by the Economic Commission. The Department had conducted hearings in the fall of 1986, ostensibly in anticipation of legislative recommendations to the 100th Congress, asking if there is a need for a public employment service; if so, who it should serve, whether it should be "privatized," and what level of government should assume policy and operational control over it. The American Legion led off at the first hearing, in San Francisco, with testimony from the chairman of the Economic Commission that any changes in the Employment Service would make it difficult, or impossible, for "maximum job placement and job training services to veterans," as required by federal law, to occur. Similar statements were made by other Legionnaires across the country at these hearings, both by personal testimony or in written comments.

Basically, the Administration proposed to transfer all employment service activities to the states, with each state deciding whether it wanted

While the limelight may be focused on legislative or other administrative activities, service to individual veterans and their dependents remains one of the most important activities of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. The Commission and its staff will continue efforts to carry out The American Legion's policies under the mandates of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee.

to have an employment service, how to fund such a service, and what services, and to whom, the state would furnish.

An independent contractor hired to formulate the results of the hearings found that "most (respondents) felt that the current ES system needs fine-tuning, rather than a complete overhaul." In spite of this conclusion, the U.S. Department of Labor submitted a legislative proposal to Congress which would eliminate the federal requirement for a State Employment Service system and would abolish the United States Employment Service at the national level. Part of the massive Trade, Employment, and Productivity Act of 1987, it was proposed that Federal financing (the Federal government distributes to states taxes received from employers in each state; taxes which by law can be used for no other purpose) would cease as of July 1, 1990; states would no longer be required to operate an Employment Service, but only to provide "public employment services" through whatever mechanism each state governor would designate. The Private Industry Councils which oversee the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program would be granted monitoring and evaluation powers over whatever mechanism the state would adopt.

Such a decentralized, optional, "devolved" system would be contrary to the philosophy which has directed the veterans benefits system for so many years: that every individual veteran has served his entire country, rather than just his state or his community, and his benefits or awards should come from the Nation. In anticipation of such Administration proposals, the 1986 National Commission had approved Resolution No. 230 opposing any measure which would weaken or relinquish federal control of the Employment Service and its requirements for preference to veterans. The Economic Commission, in cooperation with the Legislative Commission, testified before Congressional committees and subcommittees to nullify the proposed legislation, and to strengthen existing provisions for Federal employment programs and services for veterans.

Legislation enacted late in 1986 extended the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (in which eligible veterans are a target group) for three years, through December 1988, and made it retroactive to January 1, 1986. The Job Training Partnership Act Amendments of 1986 made specific changes affecting veterans, and the Senate report on the amendments called the attention of the Department of Labor to persistent unemployment among Vietnam era veterans and asked the Labor Department to assess any barriers to their employment that could be alleviated.

The Veterans Job Training Act (VJTA) program, while successful in placing veterans in job training opportunities, had a hard year as far as government support. It was scheduled to shut down entirely early in 1987 because funding had run out. Money that had been returned to the program because veterans had dropped out of training for which funds had been committed ended up in the general fund of the U.S. Treasury. After considerable pressure, however, this money was made available once again for VJTA placements. Both houses of Congress have expressed commitment for the program, and reauthorization legislation is expected to be passed during this Congressional session.

By mandate of a 1986 Legion resolution, the Economic Commission has worked to ensure that legislation to provide for retraining and placement of workers displaced by economic conditions, such as the country's turning from industrial jobs to service jobs and the imbalance in international trade, will have specific language for veterans. Another area of concern is the condition of the homeless, a large proportion of whom are veterans. Apparently many of these could benefit simply by outreach that could help them find employment.



Bruce Thiesen, Chairman, National Economic Commission, congratulating Marshall Parker and extending best wishes for his future pursuits, after Parker, Associate Deputy Administrator for Special Programs, Small Business Administration, announced his plan to retire in the spring of 1986. Parker had just brought the Economic Commission up-to-date on current status of veterans in SBA programs.

One area in which the Administration has abandoned efforts to remove the government from guaranteeing loans is small business and the Small Business Administration (SBA). As part of legislation continuing the SBA, Congress provided for the appointment of Regional Veterans Affairs Officers in each of the SBA's ten regions. An Acting Administration charged with supervising the closing of the agency and with transferring some of its functions (not its Office of Veterans Affairs) to other government agencies, has been replaced with an Administrator with the responsibility of continuing to operate the agency and supervise its programs of guaranteed and direct loans as well as programs to promote and support small business.

The loan guarantee programs of the Veterans Administration (VA) had a rough year. A high rate of foreclosure, particularly in areas hardhit economically, brought pressure from lenders of the VA to take a greater share of the loss on such foreclosures. The VA, which formerly customarily paid the lender the guaranteed amount, leaving the lender to dispose of the home, has increased, after evaluating the respective costs to the government, the number of loans on which it pays the lender the remaining loan balance and sells the home. While still a small proportion (10.5 percent for FY 85 and expected to go up to 17 percent this fiscal year) of loans, the lenders, through their national associations, have been lobbying Congress for help.

Continued efforts by the Administration to increase the "user fee" charged each veteran from one percent to 2.5 percent have been successfully defeated in Congress. The Economic Commission has also testified before Congress in opposition to proposals to eliminate the establishment of a maximum loan rate

for VA-guaranteed loans, leaving the rate subject to negotiation between the lender and the veteran. The Legion has pointed out that the veteran in such cases has no bargaining power. Another Legion concern has been the increased collection, often resulting in personal hardship, from veterans of loans that had been defaulted by persons who had assumed guaranteed loans. In times of greatly appreciating real estate values, resale of the homes would often cover the loans, and veterans tended to overlook the necessity of obtaining a release of liability. The Economic Commission is asking for Congressional action to require payment from only the defaulting borrower.

Another area of Economic Commission concern, under its Committee on Veterans Preference, is the employment of veterans by the Federal government. The latest figures provided for these veterans are for fiscal year 1984, and show 41.8 percent of the 2,712,482 Federal personnel, including the Postal Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority are veterans. Of the 396,704 individuals hired in fiscal 1984, 20 percent were veterans.

In fiscal 1984, 20,704 veterans were hired under the Veterans Readjustment Appointment authority. Congress has not extended this authority until December 31, 1989. Three percent of all those hired during that year were ten point veterans. Most of those hired with 30 percent or more service-connected disabilities were appointed under the special noncompetitive hiring authority.

The Economic Commission and its two standing committees on Employment and Veterans Preference held meetings at the 1986 National Convention in Cincinnati and at the 1987 Washington Conference to hear speakers on the various programs under the jurisdiction of the Commission and to make recommendations on the issues. Representatives of the Commission and Committees also met before the fall and spring meetings of the National Executive Committee of the Legion. All members receive the newsletter of the Commission, now renamed *The Veterans Economic Guardian*, and Memoranda and Economic Alerts to keep them informed on Economic issues between the regularly scheduled meetings.

An important part of the Commission's responsibility is to keep the individual Legionnaires and the departments aware of economic matters affecting veterans and to solicit their cooperation and support at the post and departmental levels. Material is provided to other Commissions and divisions of The American Legion that provide information to Legionnaires. Departments and posts are encouraged to appoint chairman for employment, veterans preference, and any other economic programs they wish, and these chairmen, as well as other department officials are sent *The Veterans Economic Guardian*, other mailings, and especially, information kits on the Commission's Employer Awards for hiring the handicapped, older workers, and veterans. The awards for employers of the handicapped are geared to the National program to hire the handicapped sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The awards to employers of older workers is receiving increased support from organizations promoting increasing employment and civic participation by older persons. Two companies, one large and one small, are selected each year to be especially honored at the Legion's National Convention.

The Commission receives a steady stream of letters from veterans asking for help in such areas as finding work, resolving conflicts related to federal employment, etc. While these letters are answered constructively, the Commission staff does not have the resources to represent veterans before any federal board, or to do direct job placement.

The staff of the Commission represents the Commission and the Legion on various committees, such as the executive committee and the Committee on Disabled Veterans of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the Committee on Veterans Employment of the Secretary of Labor, the Veterans Committee of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, and on various short-term task forces set up by various agencies.

The American Legion Magazine Commission

Milford A. Forrester (SC), Chairman

Daniel S. Wheeler (IN), Publisher/Editor-in-Chief



Milford A. Forrester

The American Legion Magazine achieved three significant milestones last year: For the first time in its history it exceeded $1 million in advertising revenues during the first quarter; it achieved all-time-high revenues in excess of $3.7 million; and it ranked 4th in the nation in the top 100 nonfiction, free-lance writing markets.

The advertising records were achieved in part through a well-orchestrated and sustained campaign conducted by the Magazine's Publisher's Representatives' nationwide advertising offices.

Our editorial recognition resulted from a study by Writer's Digest, which surveyed hundreds of editors across the country on 20 key issues such as pay rates for authors, revision methods, treatment of authors, rights bought, and authors' rights in the editing process. High marks in each of these areas elevated the Magazine into its 4th place standing in the magazine industry. Such high achievement historically generates both increased advertising revenues from organizations that recognize the value of advertising in a competitive publication of such national standing, and an influx of material from writers who desire to be associated with a publication that reaches a cohesive cross-section of Americans who can significantly influence national attitudes on major issues.

Additional editorial accomplishments throughout the year included a feature story on the cover of the May 1987 Reader's Digest, which reprinted a recent article by the undersecretary of education; a reprint in the Congressional Record of the National Commander's April issue message; and dozens of requests from a diverse variety of professional journals, newspapers and magazines across the country to reprint articles and other material that have appeared in The American Legion Magazine.

To meet the needs of our vast body of readers, many of whom rely solely upon the Magazine to maintain their contact with the organization, we try to maintain the highest editorial standards. A great man of letters once said that every average reader knows a little more about one thing than he does about all others, whether his specialty be philatelics or philology. And when he comes upon a story dealing with his specialty he wants it to be right. In a well-written, ably edited publication such as The American Legion Magazine, he gets that.

Avenues through which we maintain a consistent flow of current, relevant and substantive articles for our readers include regularly scheduled trips to Washington, D.C., where we confer with the directors of National Security/ Foreign Relations, VA & R, Legislative and Economics. This exchange of ideas keeps us abreast of important legislation on Capitol Hill that affects our readers. Another useful and meaningful gauge is letters to the editor. Many of our readers are as attuned as we are to the kinds of articles we should be publishing. Their suggestions and recommendations often develop into articles. We also send questionnaires to a randomly selected group of 500 to 1,000 Legionnaires twice a year. Their responses about what they read, don't read and would like to read in our magazine help us re-examine, refine and redefine our editorial product.

We continuously seek meaningful ways to further enhance reader interest by frequently incorporating new feature series such as "What's Right With America," and "Know Your America."

Along those lines, a special issue of which we're particularly proud was published simultaneously with this report: our commemorative issue of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. A culmination of more than a year and a half's effort, it is an issue devoted exclusively to the most significant document ever forged by the minds of men. Among the dignitaries participating in this issue are President Ronald Reagan, former Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger, Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, columnist James J. Kilpatrick, and nationally and internationally known historians, educators, writers and journalists such as Clarence B. Carson, Walter Berns, Vernon Pizer, and many more. This keepsake issue shows through rich narrative and colorful period art the times in which the Constitution was created, and news clippings from 1787 capture the social and political thoughts about this great document and the men who created it.

Even our readers took part in it. Last October and November we ask readers to tell us what they considered to be their most precious freedoms.

For 68 years The American Legion Magazine has been reporting on issues that affect America, and has been the major communication medium for Legionnaires. It's not an easy undertaking. To be effective, a magazine must first be accepted by the readers. And to be accepted, it must keep in step with the times. In that regard, The American Legion Magazine has undergone significant improvements in its contents, graphics, advertising and design. Consequently, over the past couple of years we've evolved into a nationally recognized magazine of three distinct dimensions: we're a news magazine, we're a general-interest magazine, and we're a magazine for Legionnaires. To successfully meet the demands inherent in each of these dimensions requires a judicious combination of editorial, graphics, advertising and design that makes for a compatible, informative and entertaining publication that projects American Legion ideals of government, life and living.

The Magazine currently is undergoing a gradual transition into computerization. We've already installed three computer stations, which have allowed us to computerize many administrative functions, resulting in greater efficiency, effectiveness and economy, and ultimately will permit us to publish an even better product.

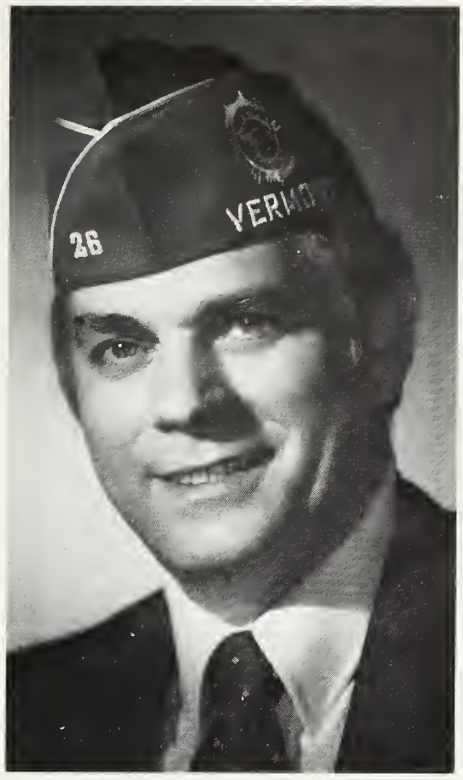
We continue to survive in this highly competitive race for readers' attention because we give them information that they can use in their daily lives; we look contemporary; we look like a modern magazine addressing the 80s; and we look like the magazine of a bold-stepping organization that has repeatedly demonstrated that it is not afraid to tackle national issues.

Our goal today, as it has been for nearly seven decades, is to continue to produce a professionally competitive magazine of substance and relevance that accurately reflects the type of organization The American Legion is, and the type of people Legionnaires are: people who love their country, are concerned about what happens to their country, and care enough to change what needs to be changed and to defend what needs to be kept; a magazine that reflects what The American Legion truly is — one of the pillars of our nation.

Foreign Relations Commission

Melvin (Doc) Simon (VT), Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director



Melvin (Doc) Simon

During 1986-87, the Foreign Relations Commission emphasized building support for the emerging democracies in Central America, encouraging support for a sound nuclear arms control policy, and expanding public awareness of the POW/MIA issue.

National Commander James P. Dean urged implementation of the American Legion's foreign relations program during his meetings with President Reagan and various State Department officials. Other methods of program implementation included meetings with key congressmen and senators and articles published in *The American Legion Magazine* on such topics as the POW/MIA issue and Central America.

Over 110 Legionnaires around the nation participated in the Advocacy Program. They gave speeches and wrote articles urging public and legislative support for a strong U.S. policy to promote democracy, development, and security in Central America.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Mr. James Webb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, pointed out that virtually all of the combat service support troops for the armed forces are contained in the reserves. Mr. Webb stated that the current administration has been following a "first to fight-first to be equipped" policy with early deploying reserve and National Guard units receiving modernized or new equipment before those deploying later. Ambassador Vernon Walters, Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations, pointed out that, President Reagan has charged him with the mission of reforming the United Nations so that it would operate in a more economical manner and in greater agreement with U.S. policies. He reported that much progress has been achieved in streamlining the overly bureaucratic and inefficient structure which had been developed in the United Nations over the past four decades. Mr. Richard R Wyrough, Coordinator for Panama Affairs, Department of State, presented a very thorough discussion of the Panama Canal. He reported that the canal is experiencing record usage and revenues. The U.S. taxpayer does not subsidize the canal; it is totally self-supporting. Under the Panama Canal treaties, Panama will assume control of the canal in 2000. He stated that the transition to Panamanian control is proceeding fairly smoothly. Mr. Edward L. Derwinski, Counselor of the State Department, spoke on the dire situation of the U.S. foreign aid program. Recent cuts prevent the United States from keeping several long-term commitments. Colonel Larry Tracy, U.S. Army (Ret.), addressed the group on Central America. He focused on the likelihood of the United States continuing to support the contras. He emphasized that unless U.S. support for the contras continues the Sandinistas will consolidate their communist totalitarian regime in Nicaragua. Ambassador Kenneth Adelman, Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, spoke on nuclear arms control. He reported that, through patience and determination over the past few years, the United States is now on the verge of getting terms that will make nuclear arms control meaningful for the first time, by requiring actual deep reductions in existing weapons.

POW/MIA

The August issue of *The American Legion Magazine* carried an article by Lieutenant Colonel Paul Mathew, USAF, on the Joint Casualty Resolution Center's POW/MIA mission. The February issue of *The American Legion Magazine* contained a POW/MIA article by Representative Gerald B. Solomon, discussing bipartisan Congressional activities to resolve the Southeast Asia POW/MIA issue.

The Special POW/MIA Committee met during the Washington Conference to review activities for 1986 and plan for 1987. The Public Awareness Program for 1987 will include emphasis on the "Write Hanoi" campaign, participation in POW/MIA commemorations on designated holidays, participation in National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies in September, support for issuance of a POW/MIA stamp by the U.S. Postal Service, and publication of articles on the POW/MIA issue.

FOREIGN RELATIONS BRIEFING

The Foreign Relations Commission and Public Relations Commission have prepared a briefing on the foreign relations program of The American Legion and the Auxiliary. The briefing lasts 25 minutes and is supported by eighty 35 mm slides. VCR tapes of the briefing are available for loan from the Public Relations Division.

National Legislative Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI),
Chairman

E. Philip Riggin (MD),
Director



Gary W. Sammons

The primary mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting veterans and their families.

As a result of National Convention and National Executive Committee action, there are more than 170 active resolutions which establish the organization's positions on issues before Congress. These issues range from immigration reform to military weaponry. In order to properly communicate Legion opinion on all these matters, it is expected that the Commission staff will present testimony on 50-60 occasions during the First Session of the 100th Congress.

Election year politics dominated many of the events in the latter portion of the Second Session as the 99th Congress approached adjournment in mid-October, 1986. Perhaps nowhere was this more evident than in congressional attempts to match federal appropriations to the guidelines of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction measure. The deliberations during 1986 concerning the Fiscal Year 1987 budget were the first specific exercise of the Gramm-Rudman deficit targets under the new law. The projected deficit target of $144 billion was, unfortunately, not met. Despite this, the federal deficit was substantially reduced from levels in excess of $200 billion to nearly $163 billion, as estimated by the General Accounting Office and the Office of Management and Budget. Many congressional leaders are looking at alternative deficit-reduction mechanisms which would reduce the deficit more gradually than the $38 billion per fiscal year originally envisioned by Gramm-Rudman.

Congressional concentration upon deficit reduction caused a near-crisis in the normal authorization-appropriation process of past years. As of October 1, 1986 (the beginning of FY 1987) approached, Congress had passed none of the 13 regular appropriations bills usually passed each year to fund the federal government. A succession of stopgap appropriations kept the federal government running until October 18, when President Reagan signed Public Law 99-500, the largest omnibus appropriations measure ever enacted. The law contained $576 billion in appropriations, including: $291.8 billion for the Department of Defense, $28.5 billion less than the administration had requested; $13.37 billion for foreign aid, $2.1 billion less than the White House had recommended; and $26.044 billion for the Veterans Administration.

When Congress completed work on the omnibus appropriations measure, all the House members and a third of the Senate went home to campaign for reelection during the three weeks prior to the November 4 general elections. The Democrats regained control of both chambers of Congress for the first time since 1980. In the House, Democrats gained five more seats to outnumber Republicans 258 to 177. Meanwhile, Democrats realized a net gain of eight seats in the Senate to become the majority party with 55 seats to 45 for the Republicans.

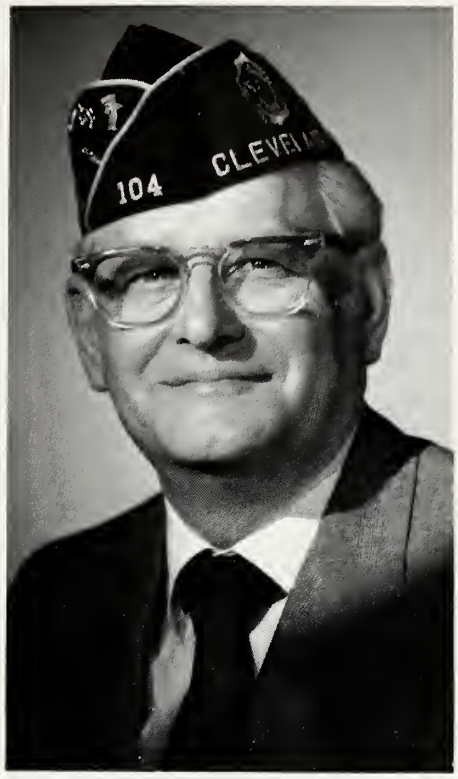
With Democrats regaining control of Congress there was immediate speculation that the "Reagan era" was over and that majority budgetary decisions would be reversed. Although it is expected that the White House will disagree with Capitol Hill on many issues, these will not always be partisan arguments. Congressional members of both parties are seriously challenging the need for accelerated defense spending and continuing disclosures regarding the "Iran/contra" affair have caused bipartisan concern over the conduct of foreign policy.


National Commander James P. Dean presents an award for combatting terrorism to Secretary of State George P. Shultz during the Washington Conference.

National Security Commission

Roger A. Munson (OH), Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director



Roger A. Munson

The National Security Commission, its Standing Committees and the National Security Council had a very active year in 1986-87.

In August of 1986, members of the National Security Commission traveled to Ft. Knox, Kentucky to visit the United States Army Armor Center and School. The visit began with a static display, mobility, demonstration and firepower demonstration of the M-1 Abrams main battle tank, the M-3 Bradley Cavalry fighting vehicle, and older equipment. It was very obvious that both the Bradley and the Abrams tanks were far superior to the older equipment.

The members of the Commission had lunch with some of the soldiers in training at Ft. Knox, were briefed on some of the sophisticated training equipment now being used to train armor crewmen, and also received a mission briefing on Ft. Knox and the Armor School.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

The National Security Commission met at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 30, in a joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission. During the joint session, Mr. Oliver B. Revell, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, discussed the complex challenge to our society posed by terrorism.

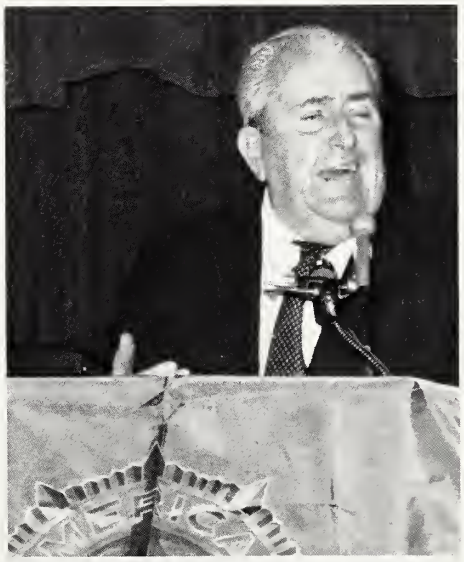
Major General James S. Cassity, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Space Command, analyzed the growing threat emanating from the Soviet Union's space program.

Ambassador Kenneth L. Adelman analyzed how Congress is hampering arms control negotiations by passing legislation which specifies restrictive measures on U.S. modernization programs.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Morning Session, February 9: The National Security Commission and Foreign Relations Commission met in joint session. Mr. James Webb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, pointed out that virtually all of the combat service support troops for the armed forces are contained in the reserves. These reserve forces include transportation units, medical units, navy construction battalions, a Marine Division and its air wing, and ten of the thirty two Army Divisions.

Ambassador Vernon Walters, Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations, pointed out that, upon assuming his current responsibilities two years ago, President Reagan charged him with the mission of reforming the United Nations so that it would operate in a more economical manner and in greater agreement with U.S. policies. Ambassador Walters reported that much progress has been achieved in streamlining the overly


Ambassador Vernon Walters addresses a joint session of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions during the Washington Conference.

The Commission and its staff will be working within this emotionally charged environment to secure a Fiscal Year 1988 VA budget of almost $28 billion and a defense budget that fully meets the nation's legitimate security needs. Apart from these priorities the Legion has already engaged in dozens of hearings on legislative objectives ranging from bilingual education to veterans health care.

The National Legislative Commission continues to remind Congress that the interests of our membership constitute a reliable cross-section of public opinion on most national issues. Congress is further reminded that our members are "grassroots America" people who freely volunteer their time for projects which benefit the public. The Commission, therefore, encourages all Legionnaires to augment that message by keeping congressional members informed of what the organization is doing back home and recommending that information on Legion activities be shared with all other members of Congress.

bureaucratic and inefficient structure which had been developed in the United Nations over the past four decades.

Mr. Richard R. Wyrough, Coordinator for Panama Affairs, Department of State, presented a very thorough discussion of the Panama Canal. He reported the canal is experiencing record usage and revenues and that the U.S. taxpayer does not subsidize the canal; it is totally self-supporting.

Afternoon Session, February 9: The joint session concluded by hearing Mr. Edward L. Derwinski, Counselor of the State Department, spoke on the dire situation of the U.S. foreign aid program. He stated that foreign aid is an important instrument of U.S. foreign policy. It helps allies and friendly nations to resist communism, achieve greater economic growth, and become more democratic.

Business Session: Following the speakers program, the National Security Commission held a business session at which the National Security staff briefed the Commission on the plans for the National Security trip to be held in conjunction with the 69th National Convention in San Antonio.

The staff of the National Security-Foreign Relations Division and the staff of the National Public Relations Division have cooperated to produce a slide briefing outlining some basic beliefs and basic truths about the defense of the United States. This new briefing was shown to the Commission.

Morning Session, February 11: Ambassador Kenneth Adelman, Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), who had just returned from the Geneva negotiations with the Soviet Union, spoke on nuclear arms control. He reported that, through patience and determination over the past few years, the United States is now on the verge of getting terms that will make nuclear arms control meaningful for the first time, by requiring actual deep reductions in existing weapons.

Mr. Michael Mobbs, ACDA's Assistant Director for Strategic Programs, described the responsibilities of his office in formulating and executing U.S. policy on control of strategic and intermediate range nuclear arms, space arms, and strategic defense systems.

Dr. Fred Eimer, ACDA's Assistant Director for Verification and Intelligence, stated that verification procedures are absolutely essential to ensure compliance with arms control treaties, the United States has failed to spend adequate funds to upgrade its verification capabilities, and the United States must respond severely to significant Soviet violations of agreements, but lacks a clear policy on how to do so.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members through a variety of programs continue to supply the blood needs. of their own members, hospitalized veterans and through cooperative agreements to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, the program has continued to grow.



Mr. Art Bravo, Commander, American Legion Post No. 7, Tucson, Arizona presents The American Legion Bronze General Military Excellence Award to Air Force Cadet Sergeant Alison R. Ohl, a Chemistry major from Mesa, Arizona attending the University of Arizona.

NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARDS

To stimulate activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. In the period from June 1, 1984 through May 31, 1986, 32 Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor program. This year, the criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and individual participation was based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring meeting, May 8-9, 1985 of the National Executive Committee. The resolution provides that departments be placed in one of five groups based on the size of the department, using criteria established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee.

Each participating Department has received a certificate of recognition signed by National Commander Dale Renaud and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

ROTC MEDALS

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal program. Response to this program has been outstanding. During the period from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986, 1184 medals have been awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in 38 states and the District of Columbia.

PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

In October of 1975, the National Executive Committee approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy to be awarded to the Departments giving the greatest degree of support to the ROTC program. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Mr. James P. Dean, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1986 and 1985 and the related statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1986. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1986 and 1985 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1986, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 27, 1987

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Assets	December 31 1986	December 31 1985
Current Fund:		
Cash	$ 936,711	$ 1,216,781
Accounts receivable:		
Emblem Division	84,928	74,253
Publications Division	401,801	348,864
Other	163,251	84,944
Accrued interest on investments	259,466	415,436
Inventories:		
Emblem Division	843,636	722,407
Publications Division	568,600	864,179
Prepaid expenses and supplies	211,625	122,985
Prepaid pension expense	661,439	
Deferred membership expense	655,435	90,043
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense	3,250,449	2,273,310
Deferred revenue enhancement expense	246,947	161,048
Postal deposits	55,414	55,413
	8,339,702	6,429,663
Investments—note 2:		
Segregated for Designated Funds	9,897,626	9,057,578
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building	538,776	518,179
Other	18,539,981	18,099,472
	28,976,383	27,675,229
Property and equipment:		
Washington, D.C. real estate:		
Land	80,000	80,000
Building	1,231,958	1,204,432
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:		
National Headquarters building, Indianapolis, Indiana	2,130,558	1,900,210
Washington, D.C. building	538,940	444,703
	3,981,456	3,629,345
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	2,312,511	2,112,530
	1,668,945	1,516,815
	38,985,030	35,621,707
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Cash	35,324	11,323
Accrued interest on investments	9,515	8,579
Investments	607,822	584,230
	652,661	604,132
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Cash	179,375	550
Accrued interest on investments	76,119	78,084
Investments	5,967,913	5,343,645
	6,223,407	5,422,279
	$45,861,098	$41,648,118

See notes to financial statements.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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Exhibit A

	December 31	
	1986	1985
Liabilities and Funds		
Current Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 738,747	$ 1,044,170
Capitalized lease obligations—note 3	115,912	124,030
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	175,974	189,391
Funds in transit to The American Legion Life Insurance Trust	698,449	576,309
Deferred dues income	12,557,333	11,886,300
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	1,178,187	983,134
Deferred revenue enhancement income	33,448	95,443
Accrued vacation benefits	354,860	316,240
Provision for health insurance liability	40,000	45,000
Other liabilities	87,193	84,952
Total liabilities	15,980,103	15,344,969
Fund balances—notes 4 and 5:		
Restricted funds:		
Oratorical Contest Fund	161,669	157,733
Other restricted funds	54,920	37,304
Designated funds:		
The Restricted Fund	7,728,283	6,889,312
The Reserve Fund	2,169,343	2,168,266
	10,114,215	9,252,615
Appropriated funds	1,541,977	1,541,977
Unappropriated	11,348,735	9,482,146
Total fund balances	23,004,927	20,276,738
	38,985,030	35,621,707
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	652,661	604,132
	652,661	604,132
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	6,223,407	5,422,279
	6,223,407	5,422,279
	$45,861,098	$41,648,118

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Statement of Revenue, Expense
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	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
Revenue:		
National dues	$14,878,899	
Sales of Emblem items	5,251,737	
Advertising revenue	3,639,380	
Investment income	1,842,130	
Direct membership solicitation	1,208,667	
Revenue enhancement	444,015	
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income—note 7	715,765	
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund—note 8	1,099,882	
Other restricted income	253,971	
Other income	662,474	
	29,996,920	
Expenses:		
Salaries	6,165,311	
Employee benefits—note 9	651,460	
Cost of sales	3,480,522	
Direct publication expenses	8,105,292	
Executive and staff travel	585,142	
Commission and committee	911,495	
Operational	3,864,779	
Office	1,993,086	
Occupancy	799,552	
Special projects and programs	1,446,692	
	28,003,331	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	1,993,589	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	9,482,146	$1,541,977
Interfund Transfers—note 4	(127,000)	
Adjustment to appropriated fund balance		
Fund Balances, End of Year	$11,348,735	$1,541,977

See notes to financial statements.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

and Changes in Fund Balances
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December 31

Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	1985 Total Current Fund
	$14,878,899	$14,532,021
	5,251,737	5,018,952
	3,639,380	3,240,602
$ 713,048	2,555,178	2,842,579
	1,208,667	973,772
	444,015	—
	715,765	615,096
109,000	1,208,882	831,954
33,537	287,508	281,555
	662,474	616,649
855,585	30,852,505	28,953,180
	6,165,311	5,785,712
	651,460	1,244,106
	3,480,522	3,370,654
	8,105,292	7,644,248
	585,142	656,243
	911,495	1,114,525
	3,864,779	2,773,606
	1,993,086	2,342,962
	799,552	825,439
120,985	1,567,677	1,251,498
120,985	28,124,316	27,008,993
734,600	2,728,189	1,944,187
9,252,615	20,276,738	18,351,345
127,000	—	—
	—	(18,794)
$10,114,215	$23,004,927	$20,276,738
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)		

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses
Designated and
Year Ended

	Designated Funds	
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund
Revenue:		
Investment income	$ 711,971	$ 1,077
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8		
Restricted contributions		
	711,971	1,077
Expense:		
Special projects and programs		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	711,971	1,077
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	6,889,312	2,168,266
Interfund Transfers—note 4	127,000	
Fund Balances, End of Year	$7,728,283	$2,169,343

See notes to financial statements.

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Exhibit B
Sheet 2

ınd Changes in Fund Balances
Restricted Funds
December 31, 1986

Restricted Funds		
Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds
		$ 713,048
$109,000		109,000
	$33,537	33,537
109,000	33,537	855,585
105,064	15,921	120,985
3,936	17,616	734,600
157,733	37,304	9,252,615
		127,000
$161,669	$54,920	$10,114,215

(Exhibit B
Sheet 1)

Notes to Finan

Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919.

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1985 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1986 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expended when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D.C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Depreciation expense amounted to $206,802 in 1986 and $177,594 in 1985.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period in which the income is recognized.

Beginning in 1985, the Legion embarked on a campaign to increase revenues through the sale of posters, cards and calendars. The revenue and expense related to this program have been deferred and will be matched in the proper period and written off accordingly.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and the American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Reclassifications: Certain amounts in the 1985 balance sheet have been reclassified to conform to the 1986 presentation.

Note 2—Investments (Current Fund):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1986		1985	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds:				
U.S. Government obligations	$ 8,619,467	$ 9,349,236	$ 8,491,868	$ 9,123,413
Accrued interest—restricted	276,818	276,818	258,233	258,233
Money market accounts	340,000	340,000	280,000	280,000
Uninvested cash	661,341	661,341	27,477	27,477
	9,897,626	10,627,395	9,057,578	9,689,123
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U.S. Government obligations	538,776	547,472	518,179	527,044
Other:				
U.S. Government obligations	16,689,981	16,735,505	17,099,472	17,309,955
Certificates of deposit	900,000	900,000	—	—
Repurchase Agreements	950,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
	18,539,981	18,585,505	18,099,472	18,309,955
Total investments	$28,976,383	$29,760,372	$27,675,229	$28,526,122

Note 3—Capital and Operating Leases:

The Legion has entered into a lease agreement (which is accounted for as a capital lease) for the rental of a copier. The Legion has an option to purchase the equipment at the end of the original lease term at its fair market value. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased copier. Cost and accumulated amortization of the capitalized lease was $128,395 and $21,399 at December 31, 1986 and $128,395 and $-0- at December 31, 1985. Future minimum payments on the copier lease, together with the present value of the payments, is as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
1987	$ 31,397
1988	31,397
1989	31,397
1990	31,397
1991	31,397
1992	2,618
Total future minimum payments	159,603
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 13%)	43,691
Present value of future minimum payments	$115,912

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately $115,000 in 1986 and $110,000 in 1985.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1989. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance approximated $313,000 in 1986 and $286,000 in 1985. Insurance coverage is included in the Legion's general insurance policy. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1993.

Note 4—Restricted and Designated Funds:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10% of the prior year's net income to the Restricted Fund. The effect of this for 1986 is $127,000.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

(a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or

(b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

Note 5—Appropriated Funds and Interfund Transfers:

There were no interfund transfers during 1986 between unappropriated and appropriated funds. The balances of appropriated funds at December 31, 1986 and 1985 were as follows:

Computer Reserve	$ 500,000
Real Estate Reserve	841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	100,000
Totals	$1,541,977

Note 6—Nonexpendable Funds:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1986 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected		$ 690,447
Investment income	$ 62,032	715,771
	62,032	1,406,218
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn		475,511
Decoration of graves:		
European Theatre	13,003	
Philippine Islands	500	
Administrative expense		110,179
Trust fees		19,400
	13,503	605,090
Excess of revenues over expenses	48,529	801,128
Fund balances, January 1, 1986	604,132	5,422,279
Fund balances, December 31, 1986	$652,661	$6,223,407

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31			
	1986		1985	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	$ 607,822	$ 640,013	$ 584,230	$ 610,287
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	$3,399,281	$3,648,562	$3,495,042	$3,712,742
Money market accounts	1,329,679	1,329,679	941,182	941,182
Common stocks	1,238,953	1,588,828	907,421	1,202,619
Total investments	$5,967,913	$6,567,069	$5,343,645	$5,856,543

Note 7—American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of $2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of $2,000,598 at December 31, 1986, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. In addition to the amount received from the Endowment Fund of $573,282 in 1986, there was $142,483 at December 31, 1986 in net investment earnings of the Endowment Fund, which was payable to the Legion.

Note 8—Life Insurance Trust:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurors, which aggregate to $5,624,526 as of December 31, 1986, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

(a) To increase the Trust fund.

(b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.

(c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.

(d) To make refunds to the participants.

(e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1986, $859,415 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1987.

Note 9—Pension Plan:

During 1986, the Legion adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87, "Employers' Accounting for Pensions" (SFAS 87) which revised the method of accounting for pensions. Pension cost for 1986 and related disclosures as of December 31, 1986 are determined under the provisions of SFAS 87. Pension costs and related disclosures for the prior year have been determined under provisions of previous accounting principles.

The funded status of the plan at December 31, 1986 was as shown below:

Actuarial present value of plan benefits:		
Vested		$(10,419,009)
Nonvested		(1,247,315)
Accumulated benefit obligation		(11,666,324)
Effect of future salary increases		(44,391)
Projected benefit obligation		(11,710,715)
Plans assets at fair value, primarily listed stock, bonds, and U.S. securities		18,233,926
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation		6,523,211
Unrecognized net gain		(1,556,796)
Unrecognized net asset at end of year		(4,304,976)
Prepaid pension expense		$ 661,439

Net pension expense (credit) for 1986 included the following components:

Service cost—benefits earned during the year		$ 455,294
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation		823,909
Actual return on assets		(2,889,347)
Net amortization and deferral:		
Amortization of net asset on January 1, 1986	$(291,863)	
Difference between expected and actual return on assets	1,709,183	
		1,417,320
Net pension expense (credit)		$(192,824)

Net pension expense for 1985 was $533,643. The decrease in pension expense in 1986 resulted principally from the adoption of SFAS 87.

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligation at December 31, 1986 were 7.75 and 5%, respectively. The assumed rate of return on plan assets during 1986 was 7.75%.

Note 10—Litigation

The Legion is currently involved in and/or has been mentioned as a defendant or co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that these claims are without merit and any ultimate liability of the Legion with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Legion.

GEO. S. OLIVE & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Mr. James P. Dean, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

We have examined and reported separately on the basic financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1986 and 1985 and for the year ended December 31, 1986.

The examinations referred to above were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on those financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters taken as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the accompanying table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 27, 1987

PRACTICE OFFICE LOCATIONS
INDIANAPOLIS MERRILLVILLE
BLOOMINGTON MUNCIE
EVANSVILLE RICHMOND
FORT WAYNE VALPARAISO
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN GROUP OF C.P.A. FIRMS WITH OFFICES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES

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Year Ended Dec

	National Officers, Commissions And Committees	Internal Programs (primarily Indianapolis)	General External Activities (primarily Washington, D.C.)
Revenue:			
National dues		$ 7,439,268	$ 676,028
Sales of Emblem items			
Advertising revenue		1,842,130	
Investment income		1,208,667	
Direct membership solicitation		444,015	
Revenue enhancement			
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income		214,729	501,036
Amounts withdrawn from American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund		1,073,599	
Other restricted income		217,977	35,994
Other income	$ 5,000	244,052	39,937
	5,000	12,684,437	1,252,995
Expenses:			
Salaries	236,277	1,868,363	1,713,010
Employee benefits		651,460	
Cost of sales		16,841	
Direct publication expenses			
Executive and staff travel	251,483	163,497	99,670
Commission and committee	911,495		
Operational	10,411	3,360,119	82,712
Office	2,163	1,293,650	133,841
Occupancy		210,684	
Special projects and programs	56,279	138,495	438,015
	1,468,108	7,703,109	2,467,248
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	$(1,463,108)	$ 4,981,328	$(1,214,253)

Subsidiary Organizations

One source of assistance to The American Legion remains unparalleled in its support of Legion philosophies and programs. That source is the American Legion Auxiliary. Counting in its membership the mothers, daughters, wives, sisters and granddaughters of Legionnaires and eligible veterans, the Auxiliary has made extensive contributions of time and money to promote American ideals during this 1986-87 administrative year.

Auxiliary members have raised more than $50 million dollars and have donated more than five million volunteer hours (an average of 100,000 hours per week) to serve veterans, their families and communities.

Under the direction of National President Evelyn Starr, the Auxiliary members have worked diligently toward the advancement of the American people as illustrated through the President's theme: ". . . And Justice For All." A special project of the National President this year was the nationwide distribution of a comic book designed to make children aware of the tragedy of child abuse. More than 1.5 million copies of *Secret of Animal Island* were printed, in part with a grant from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Although all copies have been distributed, requests for more copies continue to pour into the Auxiliary's national office from schools and organizations throughout the United States.

Other significant Auxiliary programs geared toward youth include Girls State and Girls Nation. More than 20,000 girls participated in Girls State to learn about the functions of state and local government. On the national level, the Auxiliary sponsors Girls Nation which requires an annual expenditure in excess of $100,000 to bring the 98 Girls Nation Senators to Washington, D.C. for an

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enue And Expenses by Function
ember 31, 1986

Functions			Self-Supporting Functions		
Administration		Total General Functions	Emblem Division	Publications Division	Total All Functions
Indianapolis	Washington, D.C.				
		$ 8,115,296		$6,763,603	$14,878,899
			$5,251,737		5,251,737
				3,639,380	3,639,380
		1,842,130			1,842,130
		1,208,667			1,208,667
		444,015			444,015
		715,765			715,765
$ 26,283		1,099,882			1,099,882
		253,971			253,971
315,052	$ 6,003	610,044		52,430	662,474
341,335	6,003	14,289,770	5,251,737	10,455,413	29,996,920
1,113,694	413,301	5,344,645	467,158	353,508	6,165,311
		651,460			651,460
32,987		49,828	3,082,575	348,119	3,480,522
				8,105,292	8,105,292
11,868	14,530	541,048	30,428	13,666	585,142
			911,495		911,495
44,262	27,746	3,525,250	256,066	83,463	3,864,779
101,952	74,575	1,606,181	236,715	150,190	1,993,086
344,192	171,466	726,342	20,650	52,560	799,552
(192,055)	106,747	547,481	383,027	516,184	1,446,692
1,456,900	808,365	13,903,730	4,476,619	9,622,982	28,003,331
$(1,115,565)	$(802,362)	$ 386,040	$ 775,118	$ 832,431	$ 1,993,589

annual session devoted to the study of the federal government.

Auxiliary concern for our country's youth does not stop there. More than $120,000 in scholarships were awarded to high school graduates this year at the Unit, Department and National levels.

Additionally, more than 50 percent of the funds contributed to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's record-breaking income this year came from Auxiliary sources.

In the area of Community Service, 250,000 members volunteered 3.1 million hours and spent $3.5 million on programs such as aid to the handicapped, assistance to shelters for abused children and fire and crime prevention. Junior members also volunteered 66,603 hours to Community Service.

Service to veterans remains the primary purpose of the Auxiliary with $6 million donated to that cause this year as well as 3.2 million volunteer hours given to make life easier and more comfortable for those individuals who gave of themselves in service to our country. Many of our Junior members also participated in Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs.

The Eight and Forty, an Auxiliary-affiliated organization, focused much attention on providing assistance to children with respiratory diseases. The organization donated $20,781 for special projects such as the purchase of pediatric resuscitators, humidifiers, portable suction machines and other hospital equipment. Additionally, they contributed $34,676 for TB seals, $51,313 for Cystic Fibrosis and $29,272 for other respiratory related diseases. In addition, they provided financial support for the National Jewish Center in Denver, Colorado by donating $46,645. The Eight and Forty also will be awarding 20 nursing scholarships of $2,500 each. These scholarships are administered annually by The American Legion.

Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1986

	Total Current Funds
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses—Internal Financial Statements: Page 1	$1,993,589
Add: Excess of revenue over expenses for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials—principally The Restricted Fund—exhibit B, sheet 2 (page 7)	734,600
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses—Audited Financial Statements— exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	$2,728,189

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately $5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31, 1986	December 31, 1985	December 31, 1984	December 31, 1983	December 31, 1982
Total assets	$7,410,175	$7,351,453	$7,340,044	$7,314,933	$7,310,964
Investments—at cost	$7,325,349	$7,260,235	$7,250,912	$7,243,536	$7,221,538
Interest income	$ 628,683	$ 639,808	$ 626,405	$ 616,218	$ 639,065
Expenses	25,706	31,237	27,469	23,225	20,920
Excess income over expense	$ 602,977	$ 608,571	$ 598,936	$ 592,993	$ 618,145
Funds transferred to The American Legion	$ 573,282	$ 615,096	$ 580,612	$ 585,690	$ 606,384
Average yield on book value of investments	8.47%	8.90%	8.92%	8.80%	8.85%

THE AMERICAN LEGION
69th National Convention

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69th National Convention
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Regular Price — **$42.50**
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FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS AND THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ STATE HISTORICAL PARK—German heritage can still be seen in the sunday houses, coffee mill church and the bakery of this, the hometown of Admiral C. Nimitz. There will be time to browse in the antique and specialty shops and to experience the Museum of the Pacific War, the Garden of Peace, the History Walk and the Nimitz Art Gallery.

Regular Price — **$29.00**
With Coupon — **$25.00**

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NIMITZ MUSEUM AND LBJ RANCH—Travel north to the Texas Hill Country and the LBJ State Historical Park to tour the President's ranch, birthplace and cemetery. Then, visit Fredericksburg, Texas to tour the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park containing the Museum of the Pacific War, The Garden of Peace, The History Walk of the Pacific War and the Nimitz Art Gallery.

Regular Price — **$32.00**
With Coupon — **$28.00**

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$15.00 Enclosed ☐ Check ☐ Cash
☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Exp. Date _____
Account # _____
Signature _____
Name _____
Address _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone ( ) _____

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MISSION TRAIL TOUR — Departs from the Alamo. First stop Mission Concepcion, the oldest unrestored stone Catholic church in the United States. Next, Mission San Jose with its fabulous Rose Window. Then on to San Fernando Cathedral and the richly appointed Spanish Governor's Palace. Returns to the historic Alamo.

Tour leaves daily at **9:30 a.m.** Regular Price - **$9.50**
Tour time: **2 hours 15 minutes** With Coupon - **$8.00**

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH — Departs from the Alamo. Visits La Villita, site of the original Spanish settlement, and the unique Arneson River Theater. Next, you'll tour the romantic Japanese Tea Garden and historic Fort Sam Houston. Finally, you'll tour the McNay Art Museum*, which features modern French paintings, a medieval collection, and Spanish arts and crafts, displayed in the mansion of artist Marion Koogler McNay. Returning to the Alamo, you'll drive through the stately Terrell Hills section of San Antonio. *On Monday's, when the McNay is closed you will visit the Hertzberg Circus Collection.

Tour leaves daily at **12:30 p.m.** Regular Price - **$8.75**
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TRACE OF HISTORY TOUR — Departs from the Alamo. At your first stop, you'll see displays of Texas history at the Institute of Texan Cultures.* Then move on to the bustling Mercado to get a taste of an authentic Mexican market. You'll drive by the impressive homes of the King William District on your way to the Lone Star Brewery and the Buckhorn Hall of Horns. The tour ends back at the Alamo.
*On Monday's and during the Folklife Festival you will tour the Southwest Craft Center.

Tour leaves at **2:45 p.m.** Regular Price - **$10.00**
Tour time: **2 hours 30 minutes** **With Coupon - $9.00**

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Please ship ____ commemorative stein(s) at $25.95 each plus $3.50 handling and UPS shipping charge for one stein or $5 for two or more. Amount enclosed _____. Cannot ship to Post Office box. Mail order to: National Emblem Sales, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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Lady Liberty

"Give me your tired,

your poor,

your huddled masses

yearning to breathe free.

I lift my lamp beside

the golden door."

My dear Lady Liberty
You know something about charity
Teach me so I won't forget
What it really is you represent

Freedom, freedom
Freedom to be what you can be
Freedom, freedom
Freedom to dream and have a choice
Freedom to work and have a voice

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Freedom, freedom
Freedom to vote, to dare and change
Freedom, freedom
Freedom to say, "I disagree"
Freedom to raise your family

I stop and think when I look at you
And I see something, ah, yes I do
The compassion in your face
Remains the very same for every race

Freedom, freedom
Freedom to be what I can be
Freedom, freedom
Freedom to dream and have a choice
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